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Ulster's Gospel Heritage Betrayed



Rev. Ron Johnstone, minister of Armagh Free Presbyterian Church, challenges the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. George Carey, as he enters a Church of Ireland seminar in Armagh

The agenda of the Ecumenical Churches has never been more evident, never more undisguised than it is at present. In the 1950s and 1960s, when the Free Presbyterian Church first alleged that Ecumenists planned to destroy the Reformation and lead the Protestant denominations back to Rome, there was jeering rejection of such charges by those Christians within the ecumenical churches. Today, the jeering has to stop as the denominational leaders make clear as never before that they do intend to return to Rome. Those Christians who reject the call to

separate from the churches which have sold out to Ecumenism, and there are hundreds of them in Northern Ireland and tens of thousands of them throughout the world, must NOW separate or be deemed to have thrown in their lot with the apostasy. God's Word says: **And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues, Rev 18:4. It is come out or RECEIVE OF HER PLAGUES. The choice is simple.**

The involvement of the churches in Northern Ireland in the betrayal of our gospel heritage was illustrated very clearly in recent days. It has to be stated that God in His mercy has warned, and warned again, His errant people who persist in remaining in the camp of the enemy. Yet another instance of God's mercy has been seen of late.

The question of just where the Church of Ireland stands was seen in the recent welcome it gave to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. George Carey.

George Carey is an apostate cleric bent on bringing Anglicanism back under the Pope. He is carrying on what his predecessors began some thirty years ago. Here is what an Anglican document says of the plan to return to Rome. An earnest search for full visible unity between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church was initiated over thirty years ago by the historic meeting in Rome of Archbishop Michael Ramsey and Pope Paul VI (the Gift of Authority). In 1996, Dr George Carey and Pope John Paul II stated very frankly the purpose of the dialogue between Rome and Canterbury on the subject of who was to hold authority in the united church. Without agreement in this area we shall not reach the full, visible unity to which we are both committed. The universal primacy of the Pope over a united church was approved as a basis for "further dialogue" (same document). That further dialogue has now produced further agreement on the primacy of the Pope and a great willingness by the Anglicans to yield to his authority. A leaflet distributed by Free Presbyterian protesters at a Church of Ireland seminar, attended by Dr. Carey in Armagh on Saturday 18th March, summarises the present situation for Church of Ireland members. The visit of Dr. Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the Church of Ireland's Seminar 'Into The New Millennium,' on 18th March 2000, clearly identifies the Church of Ireland with the



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continuing Anglican apostasy with the Roman Catholic Church. This apostasy will enter a further stage in Toronto on 14th May when all the Primates of the Anglican communion worldwide, including Archbishop Eames representing the Church of Ireland, will meet with the Vatican Presidents for a full week to take forward the recent Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission's (ARCIC) agreement that the Pope should 'exercise' the role of a Universal Primate" (paragraph 60-62).

The ARCIC document, an Agreed Statement entitled "The Gift of Authority," states: 'There is no turning back in our journey towards full ecclesial communion' (paragraph 58). In preparation for 'the exercise of Universal Primacy by the Bishop of Rome', the Anglican Provinces, including the Church of Ireland, were asked by the Lambeth Conference in 1988 to study the issue of the role of the Papacy as a 'universal ministry in the service of Christian unity' (Gift of Authority, paragraph 53). The same document also reveals that the Lambeth Conference 1998 resolved 'to strengthen the role of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primates Meeting'. This was done in order to enforce their apostasy with the Church of Rome. With this mandate in place Drs Carey and Eames are now leading the Anglican Communion and the Church of Ireland, contrary to the Holy Scriptures, into a New Millennium of 'visible and organic' union with the Church of Rome. (Copies of the protest leaflet may be had free from *The Burning Bush*.) Some believers going in to the seminar argued that they were there to protest from the inside. No such protest took place and is but an excuse used by disobedient Christians to justify their remaining in this modern Sodom.

We call on every true believer in the Church of Ireland to obey their Master and join Him outside the camp of apostasy.