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Dr Joel Beeke - Why does he mingle with, show little disapprobation of and is happy to promote the writings and the witness of sodomites, despite the many warnings of the sinfulness of such a course and exhortations to repent and cease from such actions????

By Rev Ivan Foster

In truth I cannot answer my own question which heads this article!

Dr Joel Beeke has been, in the eyes of many, a man who has walked in the dangerously compromising footsteps of Dr Billy Graham. As with Dr Graham, there are many who idolise Dr Beeke and can see no wrong in his ways, but rather have built a new 'doctrine' around his practices. His failure to obey the Word of God and separate from the company of those whose teaching and practices are contrary to the Word of God and in conflict with the standards of historic Bible Christianity, has been termed but an extension of the duty that stems from the Saviour's declaration that "Ye are the light of the world," Matthew 5:14.

The words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 6:14 seem to have no bearing on the subject as far as many are concerned. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

It is clear that we must not ENTER INTO FELLOWSHIP OR COMMUNION with those with whom we are required to share the light of God.

By all means share the truth of God with the wicked but by no means form a relationship with them that endorses their errors and sins. Do not stand with them on a common platform; do not join organisations which they dominate or in which their views and teachings are countenanced.

This Dr Beeke has done and herein is our controversy with him and his supporters who persist in defending his actions.

1. It is quite some time ago that Dr Beeke was rebuked for his involvement with an organisation which included and endorsed sodomites - the Evangelical Theological Society. (See <http://www.pccmonroe.org/downward-spiral-of-joel-beekes-ministries.html>)

Is he still a member of this society? I simply don't know for my experience of Dr Beeke is such that I simply cannot believe what he says. He had declared to his friends and supporters that what Ralph Ovadal of Pilgrims Covenant Church, Monroe, Wisconsin, USA, and I said some time ago about the Refo500 organisation was true and that he would leave it. That was quite a number of years ago and yet just 12 months ago he was a featured speaker at a Refo500 conference in the Netherlands scheduled for August 31—September 2, 2016. Consequently, it has proved difficult to discover just what Dr Beeke's affiliations are in truth.

2. Within the last 12 months he has preached in Holland in a pulpit which, at the very least, endorses the view that acknowledged sodomite inclinations are no sin. (See: <http://www.ivanfoster.net/pdf/Sept1608.pdf> & <http://www.ivanfoster.net/pdf/Oct1606.pdf>)

On the afternoon of Sunday September 4th, Dr. Joel Beeke preached in a church in Woudenberg, a congregation of the Restored Reformed Church (Hersteld Hervormde Kirken, or, HHK). All told that day he preached in three different HHK congregations as he had announced on his facebook page. In doing so, he placed himself both directly and indirectly in fellowship with men who support the concept of 'Christian' homosexuality in the church and who even advocate publicly that sodomites be admitted into the church offices. One of the four ministers of this particular congregation is J. Kommerie, as is indicated on the church website below. I quote from an article I wrote in 2016.



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An article from an elder of another congregation in this same denomination, opposed to Kommerie and his views, describes the controversy surrounding this minister. http://www.hetgekrookteriet.com/Diverse_artikelen/Kommerie.html. "This article is dated June 20th, 2016 and is therefore obviously current. It contains the following statements (translation): "The Restored Reformed Synod ruled that as long as homosexuals do not practise, they are not worthy of discipline. They are allowed to say they are, so then would the Scriptures teach that there are Christian gay men." "They know what Kommerie teaches and yet leave him. They don't judge THE doctrine, but A doctrine. If they really judged about the doctrine, the doctrine of Christ, then this type of candidate would not be allowed to be a minister.""

There is no evidence of this man, J. Kommerie, being disciplined as he ought to be, as the Bible demands he be - that is, put out of membership.

Another HHK minister, D. Burgraaf, continues to this day to promote his views on homosexuality through his personal website, yet it appears that, though retired, he remains in good standing with his church.

It would seem that the position of the HHK is one in which saying you have sodomite inclinations is not a sin and no grounds for you being disciplined, as long as you do not engage in acts of sodomy!

I have heard it said that it is a parallel to the converted alcoholic acknowledging he has still cravings for alcohol at times but refrains from giving in to such inclinations.

NO IT IS NOT!

No truly converted alcoholic would for a moment say that it is PERMISSIBLE TO HAVE CRAVINGS FOR ALCOHOL AND SAY OF THEM THAT THEY ARE NOT SINFUL!

Such a position by the HHK is unscriptural, jesuitical and wicked and yet Dr Beeke is happy to have fellowship with this church and has declared that he and his denomination wish closer relationships with it!

3. Dr Beeke continues to promote the views of sodomites and their defence of their wickedness.

I have said in the past that Dr Beeke "has advertised books by sodomy-promoting authors, Charismatics and Romanists in his 'Reformation Heritage Books' store" which claims to seek to 'equip the saints to serve Christ and His church through biblical, experiential, and practical ministry, via books, tracts, and other resources.'

This has continued right up until the most recent times.

The screenshot shows the Reformation Heritage Books website. The header includes navigation links like 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'RHB BLOG', 'RHB PUBLICATIONS', 'ALL AUTHORS', and 'NEW PRODUCTS'. A search bar is present. The main content area displays the book 'Lifted: Experiencing the Resurrection Life' by Sam Allberry. The book cover features a butterfly. The price is listed as \$10.00, with a current price of \$3.75 (a \$6.25 discount). The author is Sam Allberry, and the publisher is P&R Publishing. There is an 'ADD TO CART' button.

Here is a screen-shot of his online bookstore taken at 12.30 pm (GMT) on 4th July 2017.

This man, Sam Allberry, is an open sodomite. He describes himself as a "same-sex attracted Christian." **Here** is an internet article which clearly indicates, in his own words, that this is so.

The whole matter is so disgusting and wicked that I will leave the reader to investigate the shameful declarations that this man utters and which Dr Beeke is pleased to endorse and promote on his bookstore website. I do issue the warning that the man Allberry perverts the word of God when he refers to the unmarried state of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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To be unmarried is commended by Paul. "For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn," 1 Corinthians 7:7-9. He explains why the unmarried state is better. "But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband," 1 Corinthians 7:32-34.

Nowhere is the married state referring to anything other than a union between a man and a woman. Nor does the unmarried state, of which Paul speaks, refer to that which present-day 'sodomite Christians' allege it does - the sodomite remaining 'celibate'!!!

Sodomite lustings are evil whether they are acted upon or not.

The advertising of Allberry's book seems to me to suggest that Dr Joel Beeke endorses this perverted view that a "same-sex attracted Christian" is a legitimate Biblical position. His desires for closer ties with the Dutch church, the HHK which holds this view, is a further clear indication of Dr Beeke's position on this matter.

In truth, I have ceased to be amazed by the attitudes and actions of Dr Joel Beeke having examined his theological meanderings and prevarications for a number of years. But what does amaze me is how men who profess to love Christ and who espouse the path of Biblical separation from all that God denounces as sin, can continue to admire him and maintain fellowship and friendship with him.

The attitude of some ministers to the likes of Ralph Ovadal and me does not really matter, though if we have spoken truly, those who have miscalled us will have to give an account of their attitudes and words.

What really does matter is the call by the Lord for His servants, in every age, to raise the standard high and maintain a clear unambiguous testimony and witness to God's TRUTH, irrespective of who it offends or what relationships must be broken in order to maintain such a witness.

"Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day," Exodus 32:26-29.

"And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah; who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for they have observed thy word, and kept thy covenant. They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar," Deuteronomy 33:8-10.

The blessing which Moses bestowed upon the tribe of Levi was in direct response to the stand the tribe took following the incident of the golden calf. Does that not tell us what God thinks of those who walk the path of the separatist, irrespective of the contempt that is heaped upon those that do?

Separation from the unclean was the principle which moved the founding fathers of the Free Presbyterian Church and sustained them amidst the intolerance and slanders which resulted from their stand for the Lord.

Are we, today, followers in their footsteps?



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"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein," Hebrews 13:6-9.

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