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The NSPCC “No Smacking” campaign is an attack upon the cross of Calvary



The campaign to ban parents from punishing their children for wrong doing by smacking, of which the NSPCC is a major component, is contrary to the message of the gospel and the very heart of the gospel especially — the death of Christ on the cross under the punishment of God for the sins of His elect.

The law of God pronounces the death penalty against those who break it. The penalty not only entails the physical death of the body, something that all the NSPCC campaigns ever launched will not stop, but also involves the eternal death of body and soul in the Lake of Fire. These are what the Bible teaches are the consequences of defiance of God by the breaking of His law.

Our children need to be taught that such are the ultimate consequences of disobedience. It is the most vital lesson children can ever learn. The eternal salvation of their souls depends upon them learning this truth. Deprive a child of the discipline instigated in the Bible and you deprive him of the opportunity to experience the consequences of disobedience. *Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell, Proverbs 23:14.*

The growing number of young offenders, growing so that it has become a major problem for the government, is the consequence of the failure to demonstrate to them that there is a price to pay for delinquency. How many would not be in trouble with the law, had they been taught, practically, that there was a price to pay for wrong doing! How many there will be in hell who will complain that no one ever told them that there was such a place and that their being there is the result of their disobeying of God's law! *The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8.* The surest method of ensuring that our children learn of hell is to teach them that sin is followed by painful punishment. Failure of parents to rightly discipline sinful behaviour in their children undermines the reality of eternal punishment for sin and makes any reference to God's judgment seem to be a mere “scare tactic” without foundation.

When we consider what took place at Calvary as set forth in the Bible, then we will see that the NSPCC would condemn God the Father for what He did on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and outlaw what He did at the cross for the salvation of sinners.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed, Isaiah 53:5. “Chastisement” — that is what Christ endured on the cross. The chastening rod of His Father's wrath, aroused, not by the sins of Christ, but by the sins He took upon Himself as the surety of His elect. *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him, 2 Corinthians 5:21.* Christ suffered the punishment that was due to His people for their breaking of the law of God. The punishment was inflicted by His Father. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by*



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the Spirit, 1 Peter 3:18.

I repeat, such punishment is contrary to the ideology of the modern NSPCC.

Any philosophy that runs contrary to the merciful purpose of God at the cross cannot be right and no Christian can give any support to the organisation that mounts such a campaign. The NSPCC is wrong in lining up with the political party that is but a front for the murderous IRA. It is especially wrong to unite with Martin McGuinness, an IRA Commander in Londonderry who, as such, is guilty of the murder of many, many innocent people including children.

The NSPCC, in pursuing this campaign, has become the enemy of children.