



The Burning Bush - Online article archive

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland last night moved a step closer to allowing ministers to perform gay marriages.



The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh.

sorry. That notion of an apology is directly linked to taking this into a non-binary stage and trying to think these pieces differently with a different perception."

In response to the outcome of the debate in Scotland, a spokesperson for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland said: "First of all we want to clearly affirm, as a Church, that all people are valued and cherished by God regardless of sexual orientation."

"At the same time many people in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland will be deeply saddened at today's developments in Scotland, which we believe is at variance with the traditional biblical understanding of marriage between one man and one woman."

Presbyterian Church in Ireland response

It is to be noted that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 'spokesperson' does not say that the denomination repudiates the direction being taken by the Church of Scotland. Rather, it is said: "Many people in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland will be deeply saddened at today's developments in Scotland, which we believe is at variance with the traditional biblical understanding of marriage between one man and one woman." That is a subtle and deceitful way of avoiding stirring up the sizeable section within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland which is very much in favour of sodomy and same-sex marriage!

Such chicanery and duplicity has no place in the Church of Christ and where it is found there you have compromise with the devil and clear evidence of apostasy.

Falsehood

The response from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland began with a falsehood. It is stated: "First of all we want to clearly affirm, as a Church, that all people are valued and cherished by God regardless of sexual orientation."

That statement is utterly deceitful and all the more so since it purports to set forth God's view of sodomy and sodomites.

To say that God "cherishes" sodomites is a perversion of the truth of God.

This report appeared in the "Belfast Newsletter", 26th May 2017.

"The Kirk's governing body backed calls for a study into how same-sex ceremonies in church could be allowed. The proposal was outlined in a report by the Theological Forum of the Church of Scotland.

It also called for the church to apologise for its "history of discrimination" of gay people.

Convener of the forum, the Very Reverend Iain Torrance, said: "I hope, I pray, we are moving to a different stage in this long argument.

"We can begin perhaps by saying gently to those with whom we have disagreed, I am



The Burning Bush - Online article archive

Pardon and mercy and deliverance from all manner of wickedness are offered to sinful man through the Lord Jesus Christ, the "one mediator between God and men," 1 Timothy 2:5. That includes sodomy as is evident from Paul's words to the Corinthian church.

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God," 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

The Corinthian church had in its membership those who were converted from many very wicked lifestyles, including those who had been "effeminate, and abusers of themselves with mankind." These terms are referring to sodomy and like iniquities.

Those who had been enslaved by such depravity experienced the wonderful saving mercy and power of the Lord Jesus Christ and had been "washed, . . . sanctified, . . . justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

But it is clear that while such mercy is offered to sinners, the wrath of God "abideth on" (John 3:36) those who reject such mercy and persist in their sinful lifestyle, justifying it and claiming that God accepts and 'cherishes' those who engage in such evil practices.

The attitude of God toward man's rebelliousness and adherence to perversion, even when it is His own people Israel that is at fault, is recorded in the Psalms for us to read.

"For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images. When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel," Psalms 78:58-59.

Perversion brings an 'abhorrence' or 'despising' by God, which is far removed from being 'cherished'!!

The spirit of apostasy ever seeks to 'muddy the waters', to cast a cloud of doubt over God's attitude toward sin. So it was in the beginning when Satan tempted Eve.

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Genesis 3:1. He suggested to Eve that she had God's prohibition wrong and was overstating the extent of God's command. Matthew Poole in his commentary says: "Yea, or, why, or, is it so, or, indeed, or, of a truth. It is scarce credible that God, who is so bountiful, and the sovereign good, and so abhorring from all parsimony and envy, should forbid you the enjoyment of any part of those provisions which he hath made for your use and comfort."

Sodomites and their allies have repeatedly attempted to pervert the Word of God and force upon the gullible the notion that God is so loving that He would not hold against any the sinfulness of the 'perverted' opinion held by sodomites.

God's view of sodomy is explicitly manifested in His destruction of the people and the city which gave rise to abominable practice.

"But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. . . . And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous. . . . And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it," Genesis 13:13, 18:20, 19:12-13.

"But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all," Luke 17:29.



The Burning Bush - Online article archive

"And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds)," 2 Peter 2:6-8.

God's inspired record of His view of sodomy and the judgment He sent upon it leaves no room for any doubt or ambiguity regarding His hatred of this iniquity.

Any denomination which seeks to ameliorate the abomination which today is plaguing society is setting its face against God and MUST suffer the consequences of such flagrant rebellion and ultimately share Sodom's fate.

Ivan Foster.

Friday 25th May 2017.