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A shameful betrayal of Gospel Truth by Presbyterian minister and Assistant Grand Master of the Orange Order, Rev Mervyn Gibson

He says that Orange Order Orange Order members 'should be allowed to attend Mass'!



Rev. Mervyn Gibson

Speaking on BBC Radio Ulster's Talkback on Wednesday 5th October, 2016, senior Orangeman Mervyn Gibson said he, personally, would like to see the rule which bans members of the Orange Order from attending the Roman Catholic Mass changed.

It is a shameful betrayal of the teaching of the Bible and the whole witness of the Protestant Reformation and the honoured martyrs who died to uphold the truth that the Mass was a blasphemy.

Gibson's argument for supporting the removal of the rule is stupid and utterly unscriptural.

He stated: "That rule harks back to a day when people said 'don't go into the chapel' and I accept that but equally it can

be changed. And it may be changed."

The Orangeman who is also the Order's chaplain said it was not an "ambition" of his to change the rule at present.

"There's not enough hours in the day to do it now. It's significant for some people," he said.

"Walking through the doors of the church doesn't mean you will sympathise any more."

Such a rule was adopted simply because Protestantism deemed Romanism was a system of idolatry and blasphemy. "Walking through the doors of the church" most certainly entails an endorsement of the false doctrines taught within the doors. That principle is set forth in John's words in 2 John 10-11. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." If receiving a preacher of false doctrine within your house is forbidden, it stands to reason that it is equally forbidden for us to enter within the house of the preacher of false doctrine!

Few 'houses' have greater false doctrine taught within them than the Mass Houses of Rome!"

Protestantism's view of the Mass is seen in the historic doctrinal statements of the Churches of the Reformation.

The Westminster Confession of Faith.

" . . . the Popish sacrifice of the mass (as they call it) is most abominably injurious to Christ's one, only sacrifice, the alone propitiation for all the sins of His elect." Chapter 29.

The 39 Articles of the Faith.

"Of the one Oblation of Christ finished upon the Cross." (Article XXXI)

"The Offering of Christ once made is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction, for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin, but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifices of Masses, in the which it was commonly said, that the Priest did offer Christ for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, were blasphemous fables, and dangerous de-



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Mervyn Gibson's view is tantamount to an overthrowing of the teaching and witness of the Reformers and our forefathers who followed in their steps. Furthermore, it legitimises the teaching of Rome and adds impetus to the whole campaign of the wicked "Ecumenical Movement" which has long campaigned for a removal of the teachings of the Bible and the Reformation and a re-embracing of the darkness of Popery.

The outcome of his statement will likely be a swift move to change the rule. We will watch with great interest just what the response of Free Presbyterian members of the Orange Order will be to this treacherous and scandalous declaration.

Ivan Foster.

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