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### Christian parents' rights taken away under new "McGuinness" law



Self-confessed IRA man,  
Martin McGuinness

Lurid headlines in the local press in Northern Ireland accompanied reports alleging Free Presbyterian Independent Christian schools were defying the new law which outlawed corporal punishment in independent schools. The law was amended in April but no clear notice of the change was given to the schools by the department of Education. Rather, the fact that there had been a change in the law lay concealed within legalistic documents announcing many other changes, none of which applied to Christian schools.

#### Terrorist's initiative

The amendment is the result of an initiative taken by former IRA terrorist, Martin McGuinness, while he was Minister of Education in the presently suspended Northern Ireland Assembly. His action was encouraged by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The new law in actual fact is an assault upon Christian parents since it is their rights, not those of a Christian school, that are under attack. The law now forbids a teacher punishing a child corporally for wrongdoing, even when it is the wish of the parent that the child be so punished. In truth, the new law is but a forerunner of a complete outlawing of all corporal punishment of children. That change is not far away.

#### NSPCC

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has been calling for a complete outlawing of all physical punishment of children for quite some time. The NSPCC wickedly equates Bible discipline with the abuse of children which is a feature of this godless, drunken, drug-taking and immoral age. The cure proposed by the NSPCC is but more of the poisoned thinking that has given rise to the increasingly common dysfunctional setting in which children are abused.

#### Choice

When that happens, Christian parents will be faced with a choice between the counsel of God on the matter of disciplining children and the anti-Bible law of man. It is the beginning of the visible rise of a spirit of anti-Godism that has been growing in strength just beneath the surface of British society.

#### Rebellion

Such a spirit of rebellion is no surprise since the leaders of modern "Christianity" are guilty of doing that for which the Lord condemned the false prophets of Israel, just before His judgment fell upon the nation. "Thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD," Jeremiah



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28:16. Such have been the influence and teaching of mainline church leaders in Ulster.

### The future

Free Presbyterian schools will continue to abide by the Word of God and will not be changing its principles at the behest of the State, especially when the initiatives of the State are the offspring of such a wicked person as Martin McGuinness. We will continue to carry on the work given us of God in submission to Romans 13: 1-7 and Acts 5:29 and with a reliance upon Christ our Head for grace and wisdom.