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Letter to Belfast Newsletter in response to former senior police officer's support for sodomite marriage and participation of policemen in "gay parade"!!

Sir,

Former Assistant Chief Constable Alan McQuillan, speaking in favour of PSNI members participating in this year's sodomite "Gay Pride" march and also in support of sodomite marriage, says: "people should have the right to live as they want" (Belfast Newsletter, 4th August 2017).

That is a strange sentiment for an ex-senior police officer!

As citizens we must abide by the rule of law. For the Christian, the only exception to this rule is when man's law demands that we breach God's Law. "But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye," Acts 4:19. "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men," Acts 5:29. Even then, the apostles showed that when there are occasions when Christians must refuse obedience to man's law, they must quietly submit to whatever penalty is imposed upon them for their refusal.

The principle propounded by Mr McQuillan was condemned by the Lord Jesus Christ. "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do," Mark 7:7-8.

However, the former Assistant Chief Constable is but expounding the philosophy which was always espoused by wicked and rebellious man but somewhat repressed by the influence of the gospel of Christ. The increasingly public support for this notion is a mark of the rise of the tide of apostasy against God's Law which is predicted in Psalm 2 and also by many prophets and apostles as a mark of the last days. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away," 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

Churches as well as secular parliaments and political groupings are more and more championing this wicked notion set forth by Mr McQuillan. However, such growing support does not make it right.

Nothing illustrates this more than that tragic example of the majority getting it wrong and the terrible price paid for such an error than the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. "When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified," Matthew 27:19-22. "And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst," John 19:14-18.

What evil has been perpetrated when the voice of erring man is heeded rather than the Law of God.

Sodomy is an evil manifestation of man who "leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet," Romans 1:27.

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Northern Ireland will reap a terrible harvest if the counsel of Mr McQuillan and those of his ilk is heeded and our land forsakes the teaching of the Bible for the perverted notions of foolish and wicked men.

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