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The Church Advert the Sodomites hate

It is clear from the reaction of the Advertising Standards Authority to Sandown Free Presbyterian Church advert, placed in the "Newsletter" the day before the "Gay" parade in Belfast on 1st August past, that what the Authority and those whose complaints it was acting upon really objected to was the Word of God. It was the use of the word "abomination" in Leviticus 18:22 that riled these enemies of righteousness.

The verse states: "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination." The issue brings home to all the people of God that the heart of man today is more and more taking on its true character and feels it no longer necessary to conceal its hatred of God and His Truth.

As it was with the enemies of the Saviour during His earthly sojourn, when they became more and more bold in their opposition to Him and more open in their determination to kill Him, so in like manner, the worldling is becoming more bold and and throwing away all attempts to conceal his hatred of the TRUTH of God.

Please pray for Rev David McIlveen and his elders as they stand in the forefront of this battle against wickedness.

Here is the advert Sandown Free Presbyterian Church inserted in the "Newsletter."

THE WORD OF GOD AGAINST SODOMY

Last year in the 'gay pride parade' a banner stating "Jesus is a Fag" was carried by one of the participants. The supporter of homosexuality was able to walk through the streets of Belfast displaying this offensive placard in spite of the presence of the PSNI, representatives from the Commission and the march organisers. The act of sodomy is a grave offence to every Bible believer who, in accepting the pure message of Gods precious Word, express the mind of God by declaring it to be an abomination. (Leviticus, ch18 v22, *Thou Shalt not lie down with mankind, as with womankind; it is an abomination.*) This unequivocal statement clearly articulates Gods judgement upon a sin that has been only made controversial by those who are attempting to either neutralise or remove the guilt of their wrongdoing. As a result, we are now witnessing a hostile spirit being exerted against the testimony of Gods precious Word and those who adhere to its teachings. It is imperative that everyone whose faith is centred upon the authority of the divinely inspired scriptures maintain a strong and public stand for the ethical and moral standards that will ultimately exalt the nation. (Proverbs, ch14 v34, *Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people.*)

The issue of human rights is no longer a basis for this parade, as successive governments have legislated for the lowering of the age of consent, the authorisation of civil partnerships and the inheritance rights of a nominated partner. It is a cause for regret that a section of the community desire to be known for a perverted form of sexuality, which in certain incidences has provoked the unacceptable and totally unjustifiable response of vio-



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lence. Such a response, however, must not intimidate the church into silence.

We are obliged under God to publicly challenge the vices of this generation with the divine assurance that the gospel of redeeming grace can change a persons life by making them a new creature in the beloved Lord Jesus Christ. (1st Corinthians, ch6 vs9-11, *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.*)

The message of the gospel is purifying, positive and precious all because the Lord Jesus Christ shed his sinless blood on the cross of Calvary to take away sin. We invite you to join us ... as we assemble in the park ... for a gospel witness against the act of sodomy. This parade is not a welcome addition to our city, neither is it a positive celebration of a profitable lifestyle flaunting a form of sexuality that generations of men and women have righteously resisted and by Gods grace will continue to resist. Romans, ch1 v17.