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Why Every Christian ought to be an "ABOMINABLE NOMAN"



A cartoon, with the object of commenting on the recent developments in Ulster's politics and depicting Dr. Ian Paisley, Moderator of the Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster, as the "Abominable Noman", appeared in the Belfast Telegraph of June 8th

Every Christian worth his salt ought to be, in the eyes of the world, an "abominable noman". It is impossible for the true Christian to be anything other than opposed to that in which the world delights. That which motivates the world and that which motivates the Christian are as far apart as heaven is from hell!

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world, 1 John 2:15-16. These verses clearly show that the spirit of the world is utterly opposed to the Spirit of God. Consequently, the child of God must come into conflict with all the world around him. When that conflict occurs it is time to say "NO".

Sadly, it is all too clear that many who profess to be Christians do not say "NO" when they ought to. It is the fear of the reproach, the Belfast Telegraph-style lampooning, that would fall upon them that deters many professing Christians from saying "NO". Such silence, or worse still, such agreeing with the world places us in danger of that terrible indictment falling upon us which Christ referred to. *For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels, Luke 9:26.*

An unwillingness to say "NO" to the world brings us into conformity with the world. This is something that no true Christian should permit. *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,*



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which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God , Roman 12: 1-2.

To be conformed to the world means that the mercies of God, as displayed at the cross in the sufferings and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, are no inducement to us to consecrate our hearts and lives to be conformed to Christ.

Let the world mock and sneer to its heart's content but let us honour Christ and unashamedly *go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach* , Hebrews 13:13.