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### Irish Presbyterian apostasy

The article below appeared in today's (Nov. 6th, 2019) "Belfast Telegraph". It clearly indicates the shameful departure that there is within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland when there are those who are prepared to side publicly with a sodomite 'elder' who was disciplined for being in a 'sodomite marriage'!!!!

It is to be noted that the objection of the sodomite and in which he was supported by these protesters, was against the 'policy' of his denomination.

There is no recognition that it is God's Word that denounces sodomy and declares it to be an 'abomination'. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination," Leviticus 18:22.

It is an 'abomination' which will bring those guilty of it to eternal damnation.

"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," 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

How shameful that so-called Presbyterians, many of whom are aged and who ought to know better, are prepared to take to the street in public protest against a pronouncement made by the Lord! How ignorant are such!

This is the fruit of the teaching over many years by liberal and modernistic false preachers. They have led the once great 'Presbyterian Church in Ireland' to a place far from God and His Word.

There is a lesson here for the Free Presbyterian Church. We must not be equivocal in our position on all that is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. That most certainly includes the shameful wickedness of sodomy.

There are some who prefer to ignore that members of the Free Presbyterian Church, because of their membership and support for the Democratic Unionist Party and its recent change of stance on the matter of sodomy, are in violation of God's Word!

The DUP has endorsed sodomy by its confirming a sodomite as a local councillor in its party. Free Presbyterians have continued to support the party after such a decision. This is entirely wrong and utterly opposed to the central doctrine that brought the Free Presbyterian Church into existence.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty," 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

This is but one of the many passages of Holy Scripture upon which the Free Presbyterian Church bases its witness against the apostasy of today and the requirement to separate from it. Those who maintain their links with the DUP jeopardise the purity of that witness and, much more important, offend and grieve the Lord.

The FPC must cease from its ambivalence on this question and repent and reject the manoeuvring by some to avoid dealing firmly and honestly with the matter of church members who support the DUP and its stance on sodomy, if it is to retain the Lord's favour and blessing.

Presbyterians in Dublin protested outside a church meeting last night over a decision to sack an elder for being in a same-sex marriage.



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### Protesters outside displayed banners reading: "PCI: Stop bashing gays!"



Around 40 church members attending the Presbytery meeting near Parnell Street were told why Steven Smyrl (53) lost his senior position of 12 years as an elder at Christ Church in Dublin's Sandymount area.

Mr Smyrl said the protest outside received a mixed response from those walking into the meeting. He added: "We want others to realise not everyone agrees with what the Presbyterian top brass are now pushing as their policy. Some don't agree with marriage equality but still object to the rude way in which I was treated."

The Presbyterian Church previously denied accusations of bullying and defended its decision, saying it was in line with its position that same-sex marriage is not compatible with being a church elder.