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Church of Scotland sinks to new low!!



The summer months of July and August witnessed a shocking decline in the moral standard of the Church of Scotland. This professing Protestant and Christian denomination, which already has strong ecumenical alliances with Rome, and which tolerates within its ranks all forms of false doctrine that is incompatible with Scripture and the Westminster Standards, has now plumbed the depths of the moral cesspit, by permitting ministers to officiate at so-called homosexual weddings. Although same-sex “weddings” are not yet legally recognised, a Church of Scotland minister, Rev Ian Whyte, is reported to have officiated at such an abomination, between two men in Edinburgh in July of this year.

The ceremony included an exchange of vows, swapping of rings and prayers by the minister to bless the relationship. At a similar event in Inverness in August another “well respected” Church of Scotland minister conducted a similar ceremony for two women. When asked to name the minister the two women declined, stating that they did not wish to give his name in case his congregation were not so understanding.

A Church of Scotland spokesman said after the Edinburgh ceremony that the General Assembly has declined to forbid giving a ministerial blessing at same-sex ceremonies. By failing to condemn the moral evil within its ranks the national Church in Scotland is sending out a signal that it believes sodomy and same-sex relationships are compatible with Christian doctrine and practice.

What is even more grieving for genuine believers is the fact that there has been next to no protest made, from either the so-called evangelical wing of the Church of Scotland, or by professing evangelical churches in Scotland.

The Free Presbyterian Church of Ulster rejects the notion that homosexuality and same-sex relationships are compatible with the teaching of the Word of God. Rather, they are condemned. Please continue to pray for God’s servants in Scotland who seek to expose and oppose all forms of religious error, while upholding the gospel of free and sovereign grace.

This particular subject was fully dealt with in a sermon by Rev. D. Abernethy in Stranraer Free Presbyterian Church (Ulster) and a tape of the service is available on request. Write to: Rev. D Abernethy, 37 Hanover St, Stranraer, Wigtownshire, Scotland, BG9 7RX.