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"And what I say unto you

I say unto all, Watch"

Mark 13:37

NEWSLETTER

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To all Christian Watch Members

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Blessed and Holy Name of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is an infinite mercy if we are favoured to have a personal hope for the salvation of our immortal souls in His redeeming work at Calvary. We have no other hope for our redemption, but in that precious blood which He willingly allowed to be shed upon the cross for the atonement of His people's sins. In consideration of this, can we not join with the hymn writer, E. Mote, and repeat the lines from the very bottom of our hearts?

“My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I
dare not trust the sweetest frame, But
wholly lean on Jesus' name.”

It is with sadness and concern that we have to inform you that Michael Hobbis, our National Co-ordinator, is suffering from a very serious affliction. Michael has recently had to undergo three operations to remove sections of his bowel in an endeavour to stop severe loss of blood. At the time of writing, he remains in hospital. We ask you to pray for Michael and his dear wife, Patricia, who is understandably very strained and concerned about the future. We share this concern for them personally, but also because of Michael's involvement in our Christian Watch activities - particularly in the campaign **Who is on the Lord's side?** and the development of our Local Contact Groups. We pray, if the Lord wills, that Michael will be speedily restored and that Patricia will be blessed to feel the Lord's support in this trying pathway.

On a personal note, I am thankful to record that my blood has responded to the treatment given and I am now waiting to be called into hospital for a hip replacement operation. We increasingly feel the importance of the Lord's dealings with us being sanctified. He does not afflict willingly, but in love chastens His people - to correct at times and also to wean their affections from the affairs of this life - so that they long to depart to be with Christ, which will be far better than anything they have previously experienced.

The endeavours of our Government to further degrade our country by changing the law to legalise the marriage of homosexuals to provide them with the same status as heterosexuals - including the adoption of children - is indicative of our solemn national decline. We are thankful that there has been considerable opposition in Parliament to the Government's proposals; and may the Lord answer many prayers that their plans in this direction be overturned. We include an article entitled **THE SUBVERSION OF OUR CULTURE** by T. P. Cripps which deals very eloquently with the subject of **Gay Marriage** and explains the background and development of this evil concept.

How sad it is that the leader of our National Church approves of altering the fundamental and Scriptural relationship of marriage. We include a copy of an article published by The Guardian newspaper entitled **The Archbishop of Canterbury supports civil partnerships for heterosexuals**. It gives some details of a meeting which took place, at the invitation of the Rev. Justin Welby, between himself and the homosexual campaigner Peter Tatchell. It appears from this and other developments that the moral decline in our nation continues with ever-increasing haste.

What an infinite mercy it is that, in the solemn spiritual decline we are presently witnessing, we have a merciful God to go to with all our concerns; One who still hears and answers the prayers even of those who feel their own poverty and unworthiness. We include some encouraging comments based on *Psalms 23:5* by Donald E. Martin under the title **A PREPARED TABLE**. May we each be given faith and a gracious confidence to believe that our God, not only can, but will do everything for us that He sees and knows we are in need of.

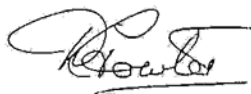
We thought you would be interested to read a communication we have received from one of our Members in Kenya which we include under the title **Email from Pastor Francis Yeye**. It is very encouraging for him to witness the Lord's work in the use of his ministry for the salvation of sinners. We have more recently received an email from Pastor Yeye's wife to advise us that her husband has been taken ill and is in hospital. She also expressed concern with regard to paying for his hospitalisation and the treatment he receives. Any contributions that any of our Members feel constrained to give for their support will be gratefully received and forwarded directly to them.

Having earlier explained the current situation with regard to our National Co-ordinator, we were pleased to receive an article from one of our Members with the same title as Michael's campaign - **WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?** The author is the late American Pastor, David Wilkerson, who passed away in April, 2011. How vitally important it is that we be one of this number. It is solemnly true that we are either on the Lord's side or on the side of Satan, because there is no neutral position and we are wisely told to examine ourselves (*2 Corinthians 13:5*) that we do not rely upon a false foundation for our eternal security. We include another article which was provided anonymously for our consideration, but we trust for a Divine purpose, entitled **WAITING UPON GOD** by 'A Brand Plucked out of the Fire'. How vitally important it is for us to wait upon the Lord at all times. He never fails those who do. We must always remember that the Lord's delay in answering our requests does not mean that it is not His will to do so. One said, "delays are not denials", but they occur by the Lord's appointment to try our faith.

We were very pleased and encouraged to receive the report we include detailing the Open- Air Witnessing of our CW Contact Group in Horsham. Among the contacts made was one with a Filipino lady who remarked on how Protestantism is gaining ground and Catholicism is declining in the Philippines. The same CW Group are planning to hold a meeting in Horsham on the 31st May and request our personal and/or prayerful support.

We again thank you for your support in this solemn time when so many appear content with an outward form of religion. We need God-given grace to look by faith alone to the Lord.

I remain, yours in the Lord's service,



David Crowter

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THE SUBVERSION OF OUR CULTURE

Gay Marriage—the Final Straw

By: T. P. Cripps, Sqn. Ldr., RAF, Ret'd.

Less than a century ago, homosexuality was generally regarded with revulsion. Most people felt that men who had sex with men (MSM) were acting shamefully. The same was true, but to a slightly lesser extent, with women (WSW). Yet today our morally rudderless Government stands poised to pass a same-sex marriage Bill, which will be the final straw in legitimising such behaviour. This Bill will condemn society to a precipitous decline into sexual anarchy, in which homosexual activists will impose their lifestyles on all. The juggernaut has already gained almost irresistible momentum. The question must be: How could such a tiny minority exert such a destructive influence on a civilised democracy?

The simple answer is that none of us put up any effective resistance to the homosexual activists' extremely devious and determined onslaught of quite extraordinary lies. A good example would be how a lawyer, acting for the homosexual lobby in the USA, recently claimed in a High Court hearing that "a number of new genders had evolved in recent years", and he got away with it unchallenged. Like many members of that court, we have observed that more people around us are claiming to have irresistible same-sex 'orientations' or new genders and we too are accepting this uncritically. Perhaps we are swayed by campaigns such as the advertising recently on London buses: "Some people are gay—get over it". But the truth is that many people have succumbed to the deceptive claim that homosexuals are a victimised minority of people who are innately different from the rest of us.

Obviously we all face various temptations to act against our consciences and there is nothing shameful about being tempted. The difficulty arises when we choose to override our consciences. This we are very much more likely to do if we are persuaded that we are somehow genetically 'programmed' to act in certain ways that have previously been considered abnormal. In the current climate of moral uncertainty and tolerance, some are therefore finding themselves strongly drawn to enter into same-sex relationships. Such relationships conducted discreetly and with fidelity would not pose great problems for society; but serious problems do become inevitable, both when individuals choose to engage in damaging sexual practices and when activists insist that such lifestyles and practices should be imposed as the new 'norm' on society. That is what this article attempts to explain. But we must start by establishing how we have come into such moral confusion and why we are now faced with same-sex marriage legislation.

For a long time activists have argued that homosexual "orientation" was as innate as other minority's skin colour or ethnicity, and so they have managed to portray their claim for equality as a civil rights issue. Instead of challenging this, our leaders, who had been thoroughly infiltrated by homosexual activists, conceded more and more ground and granted unmerited 'rights', such as the right to adopt children and to have IVF treatment. With every concession the activists' demands increased, so that freedom from discrimination or criticism grew into demands for homosexuality to be recognised as 'normal' and taught as such in our schools. Emboldened by the extraordinary advance of their campaign, they now seek the ultimate official seal of approval - that of having their relationships granted equal status with normal married couples. But, consistent with their track record of deviousness, behind even this step there lurks a far more sinister goal and purpose.

Most of our politicians have been deceived about the realities of homosexual practices and so feel a desire to show compassion to the homosexual community. They have thus fallen for the lie that it would be beneficial for homosexuals and society if these relationships could be legitimised by granting them the same status as normal marriages. In this they are very much mistaken. In practice, this would be misplaced 'compassion', because, for the huge majority of

homosexuals, and for the rest of society, such legislation would be extremely **harmful**, as this paper will explain.

As a matter of fact, homosexual activists are actually against marriage. For instance, leading 'gay' campaigner, Peter Tatchell, says: "*Gayness frees us from the rules and rites of heterosexuality. Having enjoyed the greater lifestyle choices and sexual freedom that go with being gay, we'd be crazy to don the straight-jacket of wedlock*"(1). Their real goal in pursuing this Bill is the establishment of a new level of official 'normalcy' for homosexuality. Consequently, all countries who have taken this step have quickly found that its most immediate effect has been the implementation and enforcement of a new and Orwellian 'political correctness' (2). On the false premise of the new 'normalcy', it becomes mandatory for homosexual relationships and practices to be regarded as fully equivalent to those of traditional male and female couples and for this to be taught in our schools and imposed throughout society. In preparation for this, homosexual activists have already prepared "Comprehensive Sexuality Education" programmes (3), which will very actively promote homosexuality. Children as young as five will be encouraged to explore "sexual pleasure" in an almost unlimited variety of potentially damaging ways. No teacher will be able to opt out of teaching this programme and no parent will be allowed to remove their children from such classes—the precedent established from other countries that have passed such legislation is irrefutable and truly chilling (4).

This active promotion of homosexuality is all the more objectionable when one considers the very unhygienic and harmful nature of their sexual practices. Even the homosexual lobby group, Stonewall, openly points out the thoroughly documented health problems (5) associated with such practices (especially sodomy), but, of course, their argument is that much more tax-payers' money should be allocated to this issue! I will enlarge on this later, but suffice it here to point out that these problems are much more harmful than smoking (for which the Government rightly insists on health warnings!) and these problems will by no means be confined to our children. The ramifications of them and especially the new "equality" will quickly spread to all of society, as is the expressed intention of gay activists, some of whom make no secret of their radical and totalitarian agenda. Consider, for instance, this statement by Paul Ettlbrick, Policy Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: "*Being queer means pushing the parameters of sex and family, and in the process, transforming the very fabric of society.*"

Or, again, consider how homosexual author, Michelangelo Sigorile, confirmed this radical agenda in an article in Out magazine, where - concerning same-sex marriage - he wrote: "*It is also a chance to wholly transform the definition of family in our culture. It is the final tool with which to dismantle all sodomy statutes, get education about homosexuality and AIDS into schools, and, in short, usher in a sea change in how society views and treats us.*"

So we should be under no illusions that the proposed same-sex marriage Bill is merely a matter of belatedly according equality to one small minority group within society. What is really at stake is no less than a complete dismantling of society's traditional moral boundaries and, in the process, the elimination of normal marriage.

Historically, the assault on marriage really gathered momentum when the contraceptive pill opened the door to rampant promiscuity, but, undoubtedly, this latest legislation is by far the deadliest assault of all. Now the core concept of marriage is being challenged; the historical concept that marriage has always been the union of one man and one woman for life. This is the natural relationship, which provides the stable foundation of the family—the bedrock and 'glue' of society. Marriage achieves this because men and women are biologically complementary and, therefore, ideally suited to protect and nurture children. Studies have convincingly proved that the married family is the ideal environment for children to gain a proper appreciation of the different roles of men and women. By contrast, children growing up in single parent families and those adopted by same-sex couples are many times more likely to experience social problems such as delinquency, drug abuse, criminal activity and psychological disorders. It is a plain and historical fact that the few human societies who have

lost their sense of the importance of the natural family have suffered grave consequences in the form of social problems, such as crime, addictive behaviours, economic woes, and increasing disorganisation(6). We are already a long way into this process, but the same-sex marriage Bill is now set to accelerate our decline dramatically.

Unfortunately, our leaders and 'silent majority' seem woefully complacent and unaware of this. From the recent "Yes" vote in the Commons, it is clear that most MPs have swallowed the propaganda that homosexuals are the 'victims' of bigotry, who deserve redress for years of censure and persecution. This carefully constructed 'image' is in general a gross misrepresentation of the truth, but the activists have got away with it, because hardly anybody has had the courage to challenge its underlying falsehoods. Fewer still seem to have perceived the sexual anarchy, which is the activists' ultimate goal. This extract from Dr. Scott Lively's authoritative book, "Redeeming the Rainbow" (free on-line) Page 96, gives a good summary of the propaganda campaign waged so far:

"The disordered nature of homosexuality is self-evident; therefore any effort to normalise or legitimise homosexuality must use lies and deception to gain public support. The homosexual appeal for public support includes several standard falsehoods that are repeated constantly by its spokespersons and presented to the public as proven facts:

1. *"Homosexuality is innate and normal" (often called the "born that way" argument).*
2. *"Homosexuality cannot be changed."*
3. *"Heterosexual children cannot become homosexual."*
4. *"Homosexuals and heterosexuals are separate but equal sexual types."*
5. *"All disapproval of homosexuality is motivated by hate and fear."*
6. *"Homosexuality is equivalent to race, and disapproval of homosexuality is like racism."*
7. *"Homosexuals are helpless victims who need special legal protection."*
8. *"Toleration of homosexuals requires approval of homosexual conduct."*
9. *"Homosexual suicides and mental health problems are caused by social disapproval."*

Truth versus Lies

The antidote to lies must always be truth, so it is necessary to unravel these lies and use facts to expose them for the deceptions they are. It is not important to deal with all of them, since most of them depend on the first (the born-gay) argument and fall apart when that is demolished, though nos. 4 and 9 do also need to be addressed to expose their socially destructive consequences.

The False Foundation

Let's look at the foundation stone of the homosexual 'civil rights' case; the "Born gay" argument, which is implicit in lie number 6, where homosexuality is claimed to be equivalent to race—in other words an immutable characteristic. There are several studies to which homosexual activists still like to refer if this point is raised, but the fact is that all such studies have been discredited. Ryan Sorba has written a most thoroughly documented book "Born Gay—Hoax Debunked" (7), which is freely available on-line and which comprehensively shows how every study purporting to show a genetic cause was fundamentally fraudulent. Most were the works of known homosexual activists, who either falsified their findings or used carefully selected and atypical poll groups to give them only the results they sought. More reputable scientists have since been totally unable to replicate the 'findings' and now accept that there is no evidence at all for any genetic link to homosexuality.

It is obviously true that not all people experience a strong sexual attraction to others of the same sex, but some unquestionably do. Despite the activists' claims that such 'orientations' are immutable and irresistible, it is a fundamental truth that engaging in any sexual intercourse is always a matter of deliberate choice, in which one can say "No". Strange as it may seem to many, sex is not an absolute necessity. Whereas one might expect to die if deprived of food and water, the same is not true of sex. Thus, nobody can truly claim that they have no choice. On the contrary, engaging in sexual intercourse with others of one's own sex involves making a decision, which is at odds with both one's conscience and one's anatomy. Clearly, it would

conveniently eliminate any sense of shame or guilt if it could be proved that such decisions were beyond anyone's control or responsibility, but such is simply not the case. Research has, of course, shown that social and parental influences can and do affect orientations, but it has also shown that these have often proved to be reversible. Indeed, it is well documented that most professing lesbians also have sex with men, and, of course, professing "bi-sexuals" are by definition those who habitually have sex with both men and women.

The New and More Radical False Argument

It is especially notable that Peter Tatchell and other leading activists now distance themselves from the genetic argument. They openly refute it and press beyond it to what they claim is the "**superiority** of homosexuality". They argue that all society's traditional moral boundaries stem only from out-dated rules that have no validity today. He has also described such boundaries and the institution of marriage itself as restrictive and "erotophobic", and therefore an unjustifiable repression of sexual freedom and pleasure. From that premise, he views homosexual activists as "liberators". He argues that they will set all of society free to enjoy the full variety of sexual experience and permutations of partners, uninhibited by the current climate of public censure and imbalance of "heterosexism"(8). From his standpoint, even pornography should be viewed as a positive aid in breaking down current inhibitions and promoting a more stimulating variety of sexual activities.

This prospect might seem to have some appeal to those who view promiscuous sex as the ultimate purpose and fulfilment that life affords, but I would like to explain why this is yet another pernicious and destructive lie.

Homosexual 'Rights'

The fact that there is no evidence whatever for the claimed genetic cause or innateness of homosexuality means that the much-used comparison with skin colour and race has been, and still is, entirely invalid. This further means that so-called 'homosexual rights' are ineligible for treatment as a civil rights issue. One might just as reasonably claim that a strong inclination or "orientation" to engage in paedophilia, bestiality or polyamory deserved specific legal provision and 'rights', which manifestly it does not. Indeed many philandering husbands or wives might just as reasonably claim that their "irresistible compulsion" to engage in an adulterous affair was the result of an immutable trait in their nature, rather than the culpable choice it obviously is. All such claims are simply evasions of personal guilt and responsibility.

The Destructive Effects of Homosexuality

Men having sex with men (MSM) and women having sex with women(WSW) are engaging in activities which are in conflict with our bodies' natural design. Such behaviour has been regarded as sinful and perverted for literally thousands of years and is still regarded as such in many countries today. Whilst activists argue that what adults do in private is beyond the scope of the law, that argument is simply **false** when such practices can be shown to have **harmful effects** on society, as they very clearly can. As mentioned earlier, it is documented and beyond dispute that homosexual practices directly cause a range of disorders, including **hugely** increased rates of:

- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Major STD Infections (incl. HIV/AIDS)
- Physical Injury
- Cancers
- Psychological Disorders
- Suicides and Shortened Life Expectancy
- Domestic violence.

Apart from the unjustifiable and substantial extra costs to our already stretched Health Service, there are the very serious health consequences for the homosexuals themselves and for those members of the public who suffer infections from interaction with them. All of the above consequences are related to homosexuals' often unhygienic practices, and to the intrinsic

infidelity and **promiscuity** prevalent among the homosexual fraternity. Taking the disorders in sequence, let me explain:

Alcohol and drug abuse: The homosexual lifestyle is generally dysfunctional, and stressful. Homosexuals make up a disproportionate number of UK's alcoholics and drug addicts. Additionally substance abuse is often a feature of 'gay sex parties', as it is expected to reduce inhibitions and enhance the experiences.

Major STD & Hepatitis C Infections, (incl. HIV/AIDS): The main reason that, in comparison with heterosexuals, MSMs and WSWs suffer very much higher infection rates, is that their inherent promiscuity exposes them to multiple different partners. For instance, police are well aware of the number of public toilets and associated car parks they have had to shut down to curb "cottaging"; or MSMs meeting there for sex with strangers. Consider this:

Gay author Gabriel Rotello notes the perspective of many gays that "*Gay liberation was founded . . . on a 'sexual brotherhood of promiscuity,' and any abandonment of that promiscuity would amount to a 'communal betrayal of gargantuan proportions.'*" Rotello's perception of gay promiscuity is consistent with survey results. A far-ranging study of homosexual men revealed that 75 percent of self-identified, white, gay men admitted to having sex with more than 100 different males in their lifetime.

Physical Injury

Of course, it is also true that homosexual practices (particularly sodomy) are directly contrary to the human body's natural design and can therefore be very damaging. Is it reasonable to expect the NHS and taxpayer to bear the burden of such damage?—HIV retrovirals alone cost the tax payer up to £48,000 per patient per year, and, although some heterosexuals do contract HIV, they do so mainly through homosexuals. HIV was, and still is, predominantly a homosexual infection and the 2% of the population self-declaring as homosexual are responsible for well over 50% of all new HIV infections year on year (9).

Cancers: A number of cancers virtually unique to MSMs are directly attributable to their sexual practices, most notably to sodomy. These would include a disproportionate number of cancers of the rectum, penis, mouth, and throat, compared with similar cancers in the general population.

Psychological Disorders: Homosexuals suffer disproportionate rates of depression, anxiety disorders, need for psychological counselling, and stress-related medical complaints. Their activists have tried to claim that these disorders are all attributable to the "homophobic" attitudes of society, but comparison with data from Holland (probably the most 'gay-friendly' nation on earth) effectually disproves that. If social costs are included in the cost of addressing homosexual health problems in the UK, the overall annual bill is estimated to exceed £1 billion (10).

Suicide and Shortened Life Expectancy: Data shows that people declaring themselves homosexual are roughly six times more likely to commit suicide than 'straight' people. It is also calculated that the effects of homosexual infections and cancers equates to at least a 20% reduction in average life expectancy.

Domestic Violence: It is an uncomfortable fact for the homosexual community that their rates of domestic violence are several times higher than the national average. This is attributable to the serial infidelity that prevails among them and the inherent dysfunctionality of their relationships.

Documented Evidence of Homosexuality's Health Problems:

To all who still have the slightest doubt about the seriousness of the health and other drawbacks to the homosexual lifestyle, I would **strongly** urge them to study the overwhelming evidence so very clearly explained at: [famguardian.org/.../Media/Antishyster/V11N3- TruthAboutHomo.pdf](http://famguardian.org/.../Media/Antishyster/V11N3-TruthAboutHomo.pdf)
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Conclusions to be Drawn:

Equality?

The facts stated above provide ample evidence that homosexual practices are markedly **inferior** to their heterosexual equivalents. They also impose serious and self-inflicted health risks and costs to the general public. They are unequivocally the result of deliberate lifestyle choices. There can therefore be no justification for regarding homosexuality as “equal”, let alone deserving of promotion or granting of any ‘rights’ other than society’s tolerance for them to pursue their practices in private. It is impossible to justify certain rights already accorded, such as the right to adopt and the right to have children by surrogate pregnancies or IVF (typically costing £24,000 per ‘parent’).

Boundaries and Self-control; or Anarchy and the Destruction of Society.

Our nation faces a stark and urgent choice as to what sort of society we wish to have. On the one hand is the admittedly damaged society we now have, where traditional families still predominate and selfless service can still be seen, for instance in last year’s Olympic games makers. On the other is unbridled hedonism, sexual anarchy, promiscuity, and oppression of all in society who attempt to practice and uphold the core values, which have served us so well since the dawn of time. Be under no illusions; this is the choice and now is the time to make a firm stand and reject the same-sex marriage Bill.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury supports civil partnerships for heterosexuals

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The Archbishop of Canterbury is in favour of extending civil partnerships to heterosexual couples, according to the veteran human rights campaigner Peter Tatchell.

Tatchell met Justin Welby recently to discuss the Church of England’s attitude to same-sex relationships.

Welby, who invited Tatchell to talk about the issue shortly before his enthronement in March, told him he saw no reason why heterosexual couples should not be allowed to enter into civil partnerships like their homosexual counterparts.

“He said he supported moves to end the ban on heterosexual civil partnerships,” said Tatchell. “He said he believed that opposite-sex couples should have the right to enter a civil partnership if they wish, and he will be supporting the amendments to the Marriage Bill to allow straight couples to have a civil partnership.”

He added that he hoped the Archbishop's support for the legalisation of heterosexual civil partnerships would encourage the Government to rethink its opposition to the move.

Speaking after what was termed a "very frank discussion with some considerable areas of disagreement", Tatchell said he thought the Archbishop was still "evolving" his attitude to gay marriage at the time when the Government was seeking to press ahead with its plans for its legalisation.

"Justin Welby said that he is in favour of legal provision to recognise same-sex relationships but that he's unhappy with the current Bill," he said.

"He said he was open to further consideration about how same-sex relationships should have legal recognition rights, although he tended to take the view that gay relationships were different and therefore should be acknowledged within a different legislative framework from marriage."

The sticking point, said Tatchell, was the Archbishop's view that same-sex relationships were "an intrinsically different kind of relationship from heterosexual marriage."

Tatchell added: "I repeatedly asked the Archbishop what is it about the intrinsic difference of same-sex relationships which makes them unworthy of marriage. His only answer was, 'They are different'. He did not give a moral justification about why that difference justified discrimination in law."

He said he had been disappointed by Welby's inability to explain what exactly distinguished a straight relationship from a gay one.

"I got the impression that he felt put on the spot and was generally struggling in his own mind to find the justification that he could say publicly," said Tatchell. "The impression was that he himself is evolving, but very conscious and fearful of the consequences of him saying anything that might be deemed as too new and controversial."

A spokeswoman for Lambeth Palace said it did not comment on private meetings.

Earlier this month, the Church of England ruled out offering blessings to same-sex couples, insisting that such public gestures belong only to heterosexual marriage.

A PREPARED TABLE

By: Donald E. Martin, Sr., 15 June, 2008

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." Psalm 23:5

The Psalmist David was blessed with the revelation that God Almighty would – not try to – provide a table at which he could sit down and partake of a meal in "peace" in the midst of his enemies.

This is supernatural "peace" that God alone can provide to His people in the midst of spiritual - as well as worldly - conflict. Do we really believe that our sovereign God will provide a place to sit in safety and peace in the midst of the battle? This "peace" that God grants His children is something the worldling knows nothing about.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). Our Lord also said in the first verse of the chapter referenced "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me"....May our hearts be free from heaviness and fear.

David penned, “I am for “peace”; but when I speak, they are for war” (Psa. 120:7). “Thou wilt keep him in perfect “peace”, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee” (Isa. 26:3). When the believer in Christ takes his focus off the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, the “peace of God” begins to dwindle.

The disciple Peter had perfect peace when told to step out of the ship upon the waters of the sea, yet when he began to look around and see the waves and realise the depth of the waters, his peace began to flee...”But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to SINK, he cried, saying, Lord, save me” (Matt. 14:30).

In the midst of despair, the Lord stretched forth His hand and caught him. When we, as God’s people, lose sight of the all-sufficiency of Christ in our walk here below, we also shall find ourselves “AFRAID” and in great despair; and then be driven to cry out to our beloved Master, “Lord, save me, lest I perish”.

As we – as God’s children – persevere through this world of sin and woe here below, we are often confronted with trials.

Peter writes after his life-changing conversion on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost had taken His abode within the heart, mind and soul of the dear Apostle, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls” (I Peter 1:3-9).

May God’s divine elect heritage be blessed with that sweet promise of “Peace which passeth all understanding” in the midst of disappointment, discouragement and the often afflictions of the mind and body for the praise and glory of Christ Jesus with whom we have to do ...”For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor THINGS TO COME, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the LOVE of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:38-39).

Email from Pastor Francis Yeye (Kenya)

Dear Servant of the Lord, David Crowter,

I hope you are OK - thankfully we are!

We have just finished our Conference. It was a great blessing to us, as eleven people confessed their sins to the Lord Jesus Christ, which showed the Lord’s hand was moving among us.

I was particularly touched with the testimony of one young man of 27 years. He brought a letter which he had written to his parents because he intended to kill himself that day. This man had lost all hope in his life – he had travelled here and there to find a job but without success and he was even unable to marry because he had nothing to give to the family. I preached about hope for those who had no hope and how Jesus said that He came to set free those who are lost. I quoted Isaiah 53 on how Jesus gave Himself to be a sacrifice for our sins and other verses such as Luke 4:18 and Luke 19:10. To the amazement of the congregation, this man came to the front crying and, after prayer, he testified of the Lord’s goodness to him. It was at this time that he

gave me the letter and he said that this sermon was the last he intended to hear before taking his life. We thank the Lord because He has saved this person and he is now a witness for the Lord.

Thank you for your prayerful support because without this we would not have been able to hold the Conference. We had very heavy rain and were forced to look for a 4-wheel drive vehicle to take us there. We soon forgot about the difficulties when we saw the fruits. So, my friends, may the Lord bless you. We really need your prayers because we are requested to return in about a month. We don't know if this will happen but we are asking that the will of the Lord be done. Thank you to all friends in the UK who are standing with us.

Yours sincerely,

Brother Pastor Francis Yeye

WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?

by David Wilkerson

"Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him" (Exodus 32:26).

How would God crush the corruption in Israel? Who would He choose to be His instruments in a time of evil? Would angels come down and execute righteous judgment? Aaron and his sons had already corrupted themselves, so who would God raise up to shine forth as His soldiers of holiness?

Of all people, He chose the sons of Levi—sons of that murderer who, with his brother Simeon, had caused Jacob's family to be shamed before the heathen. Simeon and Levi each took a sword and slew Shechem for raping their sister Dinah. They also killed his father Hamor and then took their sheep, oxen and donkeys, their wealth, and their wives and children.

Oh, the matchless grace of God—to choose the most unworthy, the weakest of them all—to be His instruments. "All the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. . . . And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses" (Exodus 32:26, 28).

Perhaps there was something deep within them that said, "We will not fail God as our father did! We will not bring reproach on the name of our God; we will step out and take our stand with the Lord!"

Moses had promised them - God will reward you if you consecrate yourself and take a stand among your family, friends and brothers (see Exodus 32:29). And God did reward them with a semi-priestly order called the Levites, who were given to the service of God's house.

Being on the Lord's side is taking His sword and using it to combat the forces of unbelief, putting down all doubts and fears. It means standing true to God and His Word, no matter what the crowd does; no matter how faithless our friends become; no matter how worldly our dearest loved ones are. We must step out and declare, "I am on the Lord's side! I come out against all attacks on the majesty and faithfulness of our God!"

WAITING UPON GOD

“But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

The promises of God are all ‘yea’ and ‘amen’ in a precious Jesus; and revealed to the new-born soul by the Spirit of all truth, who takes up His ‘abode’ in that new creature for the very purpose of making manifest Christ formed in that heart, the hope of glory. And the first evidence is a cry unto the Lord for mercy, under the conviction of sin. And, however long or short a time it may be that the soul is in that condition - according to the sovereign pleasure of an all-wise Father - yet, sooner or later, that cry will be answered by the ‘Word which is spirit and life,’ in drawing it to a glorious Mediator, and also opening the sensible sinner’s ears to hear that all is accomplished by that ever-precious Redeemer; and begetting an earnest longing to know if *his* sins were laid upon Him, who hath blotted out the transgressions of His people with His own most precious blood; having first fulfilled God’s most holy and righteous law; yea, magnified it and made it honourable!

The next work of God the Holy Ghost is to open the eyes to behold glorious things in that ‘law of loving-kindness,’ *grace* and *truth* by Jesus Christ. The ‘eyes of the understanding’ being enlightened, this (new) creature *waiteth* for the manifestation of the sons of God - ‘because the creature itself also *shall* be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God’ (Rom. 8:19, 21). The heart is also opened to receive Him as the whole of salvation; this being the work of faith with power – faith which worketh by love (or Christ), because the love of God is shed abroad in the heart by the power of the Holy Ghost. Now, then, to come to the gracious declaration: ‘But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength’ (or change, *margin*). From hearing, by the ear of faith, and seeing, by the eye of faith, they are now enabled to receive (or believe) with their whole (or new) heart, unto righteousness; according to another sweet promise: ‘They *shall* go from strength to strength.’ And that is not all: ‘everyone *shall* appear in Zion’; by living faith shall know that they are in the ‘city’ of the living God; and *shall* come with everlasting songs. One of these is, ‘In the Lord have I righteousness and strength.’ Another, ‘Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength, and my song; He also is *become my salvation*.’

And the dear Lord, who is so gracious to make known His delight in listening to the voice of His spouse, further strengthens her by saying (and ‘where the word of a King is, there is power’) - ‘Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee’ (Isa. 12:6). ‘They *shall* mount up with wings as eagles.’ Who is there that could frustrate the purpose of God, and say this cannot be? It would be presumption, when the Almighty Jehovah hath declared that they *shall* do so, under the constraining influence of His omnipotent power! Their faith *shall* follow Christ at the right hand of the Majesty of Heaven, in His resurrection glory, as the God-man Mediator, and that, as ‘He is, so are we in this present evil world.’ ‘And hath raised us up *together*, and made us sit *together* in heavenly places (mark) in Christ Jesus’ (Eph:2:6). ‘Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen’ (Heb. 11:1). ‘Let the peace of God *rule* in your hearts unto which ye are called *in* one *hope* of your calling.’ And this hope is ‘as an anchor to the soul, both *sure* and *steadfast*, and entereth into that within the vail, whither our Forerunner is for us entered.’ Blessed mounting up this with the strength of eagles’ wings, soaring in the beams of the ‘Sun of Righteousness’!

‘They shall run, and not be weary.’ This enlargement of heart will cause them, as the Psalmist expresseth it, ‘to run in the way of His commandments.’ And what are His commandments? ‘That we should believe on the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another’ (1 John 3:23). Souls brought into this position are enabled to run *from* everything pertaining to the old state and standing in Adam into that ‘strong tower,’ the ‘name of the Lord,’ and are safe – because no man-slayer can enter there:

‘Shelter’d in love’s eternal arms
He dreads no threatening foe,
Beyond the reach of sin’s alarms,
The source of mortal woe.’ (Kent)

The last sentence of this most gracious cluster of promises is, “They *shall* walk, and not faint,” which is, indeed, a crowning point to all. Walking implies continued progression, not running and stopping; no, but they run into Him and then they walk with Him; follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth - walk with God as their reconciled Father in Him. It is related of Enoch that he walked with God; and had this testimony - that he pleased Him, because he walked in faith with a precious Saviour. He saw the day afar off, like Abraham, and rejoiced in it. No fainting here; oh no! “The righteous *shall* hold on his way,” and he that hath clean hands (of faith) *shall* wax stronger and stronger. ‘Let the weak say I am strong.’ The weak *shall* be as David, and the house of David as God. And in this day of Gospel grace, it shall be said to Jerusalem, ‘Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack’ (Zeph. 3:16). Truly all that hath been stated and quoted is all carried on in the New Jerusalem, which is from above, and the mother of us all; and in Mount Zion, where deliverance alone can be - and is - obtained; and a revelation of the mind and will of God in Christ Jesus to all the chosen family, who are quickened into life union with their glorious Head and Husband.

The question may now be put, seeing these things are so, how is it that comparatively few of the Lord’s people live under an abiding sense of these blessed privileges? A passage at this juncture strikes the mind of the writer, ‘Your sins and iniquities have separated between you and your God’ (i.e. in communion). There is so much conformity to the world in all things, which brings the soul into darkness; and then a listening to an evil heart of unbelief, aided by carnal reasoning, and mightily increased by the suggestions of the great enemy to godliness. All these, as a cloud of locust, conceal the ‘Sun of Righteousness’ from view; and then no wonder doubts and fears prevail. But, oh! the tender compassion of our God; though we believe not, yet He abideth faithful. He correcteth in love and infinite wisdom and, when He hath brought down our ‘hearts with labour’ into the dust of self-abasement, He causes us to hear His voice and says: ‘Return unto me, O ye backsliding children, for I am married unto you.’

Also, there are many kept in a state of bondage, through sitting under a ministry that does not tend to lead them out of it. As in the days of the Apostles, so now, there are many instructors, but not many ‘fathers in Christ.’ Yet will the Lord hold up His people by His word; but they lose much of the comfort of being established upon the Rock of Ages, and come short of glorifying a Triune Jehovah by their life, walk and conversation, crucifying the flesh with all its affections and lusts; and nothing doth this so effectually as having an experimental understanding of the love of God in our hearts. The dear Apostle Paul saith, under the power of the Holy Ghost, that this one thing he did, ‘forgetting those things that are behind’ (his state by nature), he reached ‘forth unto those things that are before; pressing toward the mark for the prize’ of his high calling of God in Christ.

‘He that hath an ear, *let* him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh (by faith) will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written’ (Rev. 2:17). ‘Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, *waiting* at the posts of my doors’ (Prov. 8:34). ‘My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him’ (Psa. 62:5). ‘The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute’ (Prov. 12:24).

May these few lines, in the hand of God the Holy Ghost, be blessed to the stirring up of the pure minds of His own to a greater diligence in suing out by faith their inheritance; and not rest as the two tribes and halt short of the promised land, but enter in by faith, and sing victory through the blood of the Lamb! And, when the spirit returns to God, who gave it, and the body descends to the dust, from thence to be raised in incorruption, then shall *both* take up the song throughout the countless ages of eternity.

A Brand Plucked out of the Fire

HORSHAM LOCAL CONTACT GROUP

Report on Open-Air Witnessing: Saturday, 11 May 2013

Steve Black placed the table with Christian literature at the top of Horsham's West Street outside a vacant retail premises. The town centre was a hive of activity this Saturday morning with what appeared to be a Morris Dancing Convention.

Along with myself, we were accompanied by David Nickless from Littlehampton.

The outreach was intended as a campaign primarily to share the Gospel and secondly to alert people to the existence of Christian Watch and recruit additional members to the cause of returning to the "old paths." (Jeremiah Chapter 6 verse 16).

Horsham has traditionally been hard ground for witnessing by Christian Watch over the last year or two. Relatively affluent, its residents seem to fall into one of two camps; hostile to the Gospel, or they believe that they are Christians - and attend one of the many "Emergent" Churches which represent mainstream Protestantism in the market town.

Steve Black and I have found that many poor souls are naively unaware of the Ecumenical Movement's subtle, yet deliberate, moves towards a One World Religion. Terms like "convergence" and "unity" are seen as positives by folk, rather than the very real pointers that they are to a coming dangerous worldwide system of control.

This Saturday the table appeared to attract church-going people who were inquisitive about the nature of our work. We were able to share, by God's grace, the concerns we have with previously sound churches adopting new forms of worship and consequently departing from the authority and centrality of the Word.

A few tracts and Christian Watch leaflets were handed out and folk were urged to attend our next talk.

We had positive conversation with a Filipino lady who enlightened us to the situation in the Philippines, where Protestantism is growing and Catholicism weakening. It would seem that the West is heading in the opposite direction to the East, spiritually speaking. She attends a Baptist Church in West Sussex.

We solicit your prayers for Biblical discernment amongst Horsham churchgoers and for the next talk on 31 May entitled "**Apostasy in the Evangelical Church: Where does the Christian worship?**"

In Christ Jesus our LORD,

David Heyes

EVENTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st May - Horsham Public Meeting to be held at Horsham Girl Guide Headquarters, Denne Road, **Horsham**, R12 1JF to commence, GW, at 7pm.

Speaker: Dr. John Baigent.

Subject: "***Apostasy in the Evangelical Church - where does the Christian worship?***"

6th - 8th June - **Cornwall Show**, Wadebridge. Regrettably, due to Michael's illness, we will not be participating in this Show.

4th October - Christian Watch Annual Public Meeting. Venue: Slip End, Nr. Luton.
Speaker: Mr. Graham Chewter of the TBS. Subject: "***Who is on the Lord's side?***"

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