

IT IS SETTLED!

"Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13b)

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From Heaven, or of Men (Part 4)

“Removed From the Grace of Christ unto Another Gospel” – Galatians 1:6-9

“Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?” (Luke 6:46). Bible students will recognize these words of our Lord. Today, Jesus’ question is just as pointed and relevant as it was almost 20 centuries ago. Day by day, and week by week, Satan’s work among those who claim to be following the Lord Jesus Christ, is made known to all who are observing the current events in the “Christian” religious world. This week, we saw a man who is a “whoremonger” elevated to the position of “Bishop.” Such ignorance of the Bible is nearly beyond belief! Let us be reminded of the words of the apostle Paul in Galatians 1:6-9: “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel; which is not another, but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

What were those of the Episcopal Church doing when they supported one who is an adulterer and a whoremonger? Can they say, with Paul, “For do I now persuade men, or God? Or, do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ” (Galatians 1:10)? Paul affirms in verses 11 and 12 that he did not receive the gospel of man, neither was he taught it; Jesus Christ revealed it to him.

Of one thing Bible-believing people can be sure: the Lord was not involved in the ordination of a homosexual as “Bishop.” Christians can also be sure that Satan is rejoicing to see this “stamp of approval” placed by part of the religious community on one who practices homosexuality. To refresh our memory as to the groups who will not inherit the Kingdom of God, read Galatians 6:19-21; in the list are adulterers and fornicators. Lest some might say homosexuals are “born” that way, so it is God’s “fault,” read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: “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...**” (Emphasis added). Note the past tense “were.” The Corinthians were no longer practicing these sins! They changed!

Readers, do not be deceived. Homosexuality is a sin; it can be repented of, the practice stopped, and the homosexual can obey the gospel, have sins washed away in baptism, and live a faithful life. Or, the homosexual can continue his/her practices, and have a part in the lake of fire and brimstone: “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murders, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8).