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### Pope endorses sodomy



Here is further evidence of the rapid decline into darkness that is taking place around us.

The Bible says that as a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he," Proverbs 23:7.

This article which we have attached, quotes the Pope endorsing sodomy and 'same-sex' unions, and also shows that this has been his mind since his earliest days. For the Pope to say this will perhaps shock some.

#### **No Shock!**

It ought not to for Popery has been a fountain of iniquity since its inception with its priests openly associated with, engaged in and seeking to shield and shelter those within their ranks who engage in this perversion! The recent history in Ireland ought to tell the poor deluded Irish Roman Catholic this fact!

When the members of the Westminster Assembly, in drawing up the Westminster Confession of Faith, later embraced in slightly modified forms, by most Reformed Churches, they stated their view of the Pope in these words.

"There is no other head of the Church, but the Lord Jesus Christ; nor can the Pope of Rome, in any sense, be head thereof; but is that Antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself, in the Church, against Christ and all that is called God." Chapter 25, Paragraph 6.

In the view of those godly men, and in the opinion of Bible-believers since, the Pope "is that Antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself, in the Church, against Christ and all that is called God."

#### **All The More**

The present Pope is all, and more, of the character described in the Confession. The Papal Office has embraced even more blasphemies since the Confession was written back in the early 1640s. If anything, the present Pope is even more that "Antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself, in the Church, against Christ and all that is called God".

He has now officially added the endorsement of sodomy, a most perverted wickedness, to its long tally of devilish practices.

#### **Terminal**

Sodomy, let it never be forgotten, is seen to be the 'terminal' sin that brought down God's judgment upon the ancient world! Peter, the one in whose footsteps Popery would claim the Pope walks said this: "For if God . . . . spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly," 2 Peter 2:4-6. The flood which destroyed mankind in Noah's day was precipitated by the wicked lifestyle of the sodomites.

It will be so again.

That which the Pope and popery endorse and love God hates! It is against a world given over to such perversions as the Pope now openly and officially approves and sanctions that the "Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that



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obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day," 2 Thesalonians 1:7-10.

### Forerunner

It must be remembered that the Pope is but a forerunner of the one spoken of in the Bible as 'The Antichrist'! The compilers of the Westminster Confession of Faith were careful to call the Pope "that Antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself, in the Church." They referred to the Pope as being 'in the Church', that is, within Christendom, the professing Christian community. This was the result of the influence of the 'Chiliasm' members of the Assembly, ministers who believed in the Millennial reign of Christ and in the appearance of a future antichrist. (See [here](#))

The Pope is indeed just that. Today, he is considered, even by those churches which owe their existence to the Reformation, but the principles of which they have long ago deserted, as the true head of Christianity, Christ's representative or 'Vicar' on earth. Some evidence of this may be seen in the 'mealy-mouthed' response of the main churches here in Northern Ireland reported in the article below.

### War With The Saints

The final embodiment of anti-christian rebellion against God, the 'beast' of Revelation 13, will not be a man who places himself amongst professing Christians. No, he will be a hater of all things Christian and set himself to wipe out the name and worship of the Saviour.

"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom," Daniel 7:21-22.

This an early prophecy regarding the character and actions of the final antichrist. He will make war against the saints rather than be deemed a member of their company.

### Persecution

Now, true believers know that the Popes of old have always warred against the true people of God. That is evident in the years of cruel persecution and slaughter of which Romanism is guilty. Furthermore, like this recent statement, the Popes have warred against the cause and people of God by their advocating false and wicked doctrine.

Yet despite all that, the popes have been considered eminent 'servants of God'! It is incredible how blind the world is, aye, and some of God's saints as well, to the wickedness of Pope and popery!

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The following article is taken from the "**Belfast Newsletter**" of Wednesday October 21st.

### Papal first as Pope Francis endorses same-sex unions

Pope Francis endorsed has same-sex civil unions for the first time as pontiff.

In a feature-length documentary which premiered at the Rome Film Festival on Wednesday, the pope said



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that "homosexual people have the right to be in a family".

The film, 'Francesco,' examines issues such as racial and income inequality and discrimination.

The pope gives the papal approval midway through the documentary, which also delves into issue around the environment, poverty and migration.

While serving as archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis endorsed civil unions for gay couples as an alternative to same-sex marriages but he had never publicly backed civil unions as pope.

"Homosexual people have the right to be in a family," he said in one of his sit-down interviews for the film.

"They are children of God. What we have to have is a civil union law, that way they are legally covered."

Director Evgeny Afineevsky had remarkable access to cardinals, the Vatican television archives and the pope himself.

He said he negotiated his way in through persistence and deliveries of Argentine mate (herbal) tea and Alfajores cookies that he got to the pope via some well-connected Argentines in Rome.

The catechism of the Catholic Church considers homosexual acts as "intrinsically disordered" and the church is opposed to same-sex marriage.

On Wednesday night the Presbyterian Church in Ireland reaffirmed its opposition to same-sex marriage.

A Presbyterian Church spokesman said: "Without having the full detail of what Pope Francis said, or meant, it would be inappropriate for the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to comment on his position. However, our church is clear in upholding the traditional, biblical and Christian position that marriage is between one man and one women."

Following the same-sex marriage referendum in the Republic in 2015, the Church of Ireland (CoI) said: "The archbishops and bishops of the Church of Ireland wish to affirm that the people of the Republic of Ireland, in deciding by referendum to alter the State's legal definition of marriage, have of course acted fully within their rights.

"The Church of Ireland, however, defines marriage as between a man and a woman, and the result of this referendum does not alter this."

Earlier this year, the CoI again stressed that the "doctrine of the Church of Ireland is that marriage is between one man and one woman; this is therefore the only form of marriage which may be celebrated within the church."