

# Churches forced to open bathrooms to transgenders

The march by a corrupt government to end the First Amendment protection of our God given right to religious freedom continues unabated. Last month, Massachusetts joins Iowa in commanding churches that their bathrooms must now allow delusional people who think they are of the opposite sex from what biology dictates, use the bathroom which they choose.

In July Governor Baker of Massachusetts signed the bill call "Keep Massa-chusetts Safe." It is a public accommodation law forcing transgender bath-rooms on private establishments which includes all churches forcing them to adopt transgender bathroom rules. If the church is open to the public, the same public accommodation rules apply as to all other public accommodations. They defined a public accommodation as "any place whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits patronage of the general public." This would include churches in the State of Massachusetts.

When the law of Our Creator is rejected, look out, no one anywhere will be safe from the anti-God persecution. Here's how it works, myths are con-structed and promoted by the media, by the government controlled academic institutions and even by big business. So history is rewritten to comply with the myth, the legislators spill ink on paper to codify the myth and then the Judges decree the new standards by which everyone must live.

So churches in Iowa and Massachusetts are on notice that the transgender bathroom insanity isn't just for schools, it is now imposed upon them and all other so called places of public accommodation.

Then there is California, it is a bell weather state in many

respects. What begins there is the first beachhead, which in time makes it to the other 49 States. Consider what has just happened in the courts there.

“The infamous and often-overridden Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has up-held state legislation making it illegal for pastors to counsel minors who are struggling with their sexuality and gender, according to Pacific Justice Institute.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco on August 23 upheld California’s wildly controversial Senate Bill 1172 that bars licensed counselors – including pastors – from assisting youth who want to change or reduce their same-sex attractions. The law also prohibits any counseling that would steer youth away from gender confusion.

Pacific Justice Institute filed suit against SB 1172 in 2012 and initially won a preliminary injunction based on free speech. But eventually the Ninth Circuit created a new approach to free speech that excludes counseling about sex, and deems it to be unprotected speech.

The case then went back to the Ninth Circuit on to consider religious freedom and privacy claims that had not been previously ruled upon by the Court.

Pacific Justice’s lead plaintiff is both a pastor and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who oversees a counseling ministry in his church. Pacific Justice pointed out that the SB 1172 if applied would be reaching over the walls of a church to prohibit what could be said during counseling by a pastor who is also a trained marriage and family therapist.

According to the law, “California has a compelling interest in protecting the physical and psychological well-being of minors, including lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender youth, and in protecting its minors against exposure to serious harms caused by sexual orientation change efforts ... Under no circumstances shall a mental health provider engage

in sexual orientation change efforts with a patient under 18 years of age.”

But the Ninth Circuit ... waved away concerns about California interfering with pastors’ religious practice, while also declining to address legal decisions that previously rejected state interference with church counseling.

Pacific Justice had also pointed out to the court, that dozens of transcript pas-sages from SB 1172’s legislative record show the legislation is meant as a clear and direct attack against conservative religious viewpoints.

According to Pacific Justice attorney Kevin Snider, who argued the Ninth Circuit case, “The court today simply rewrote legislative history to avoid the uncomfortable reality that the California Legislature unabashedly targeted re-ligious beliefs with this bill.”

Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute, commented:

We are deeply disappointed by today’s ruling because it represents a giant step backwards for religious freedom. A government that can tell a pastor what he can and cannot say during counseling is a government that can tell a pastor what parts of the Bible are off-limits. The court also reminded us today that this law lays the groundwork for further restrictions on parental rights.[1]

So the court has essentially ruled that it is illegal to proclaim repentance to sodomites of a certain age, even if they might want help to rid themselves of that same sex bondage. Now can you imagine them doing this for any other sinful bondage. Just consider drug or alcohol bondage.

What if an incessant drunk wanted help getting sober for good? This type of law would make it il-legal to help the drunk become sober even when he wants to go sober for good! So proclaiming repentance has been declared illegal by the

Legislature of California as well as by the Federal Circuit Court.

Why is it they find it necessary to attack the proclamation of repentance? Be-cause as Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill he proclaimed, in Acts 17:30-31 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained;" So the reason we are to call everyone to repentance is that there is a fearsome Judgment Day which is coming for all men. Jesus Christ Himself will be the Judge seated upon the Great White Throne. So while God commands all men everywhere to repent, regardless of age, regardless of what sin they commit, the Legislature of California and now the Federal Judiciary command all men everywhere to stop proclaiming repentance to a certain class of people. Who shall we obey? The wicked God haters, or God Himself? As the apostles said, "Let us obey God rather than men" – which means we need to understand re-pentance in order to proclaim it. We need to understand what it is as well as what it is not.

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