

TO THE CHURCH AT HILL PARK (JANUARY 2023)

Update 7th January 2023 YouTube Link



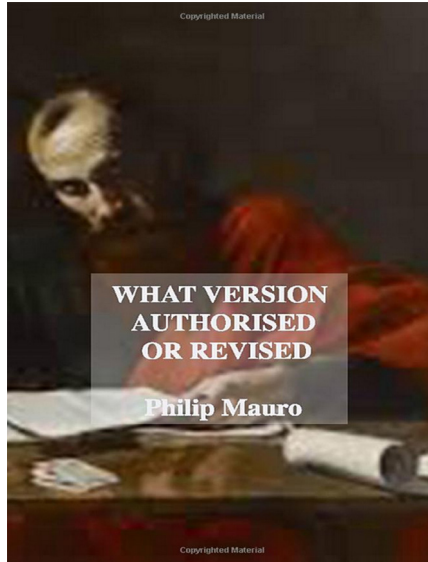
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Dear Mike and Richard (Church Elders)

When I first came to meet with the Church at Hill Park (2019?) I asked Richard if you were an independent baptist Church. I was informed you were an independent Church and were self governing.

It soon became apparent that the beliefs and practices of the church were at odds with New Testament Churches. Never the less I continued seeking to be of help and assistance, both practically and in the spiritual discussions at the bible studies.

At one of the early bible studies a church member took offense at what of John Elshaw had said who was leading the Bible Study. He stated that the N.I.V. was not a proper translation of the bible and so not to be relied upon, but the Authorised Version was. I understood what he was trying to say and I tried to step in to correct the assertion but the matter not cleared.



What Version, Authorised or Revised

I then gave a copy of a book called , ‘What Version, Authorised Or Revised’, by Philip Mauro to John Fairclough who had taken exception to the statement made by John Elshaw. I believed this would help clarify the issues raised by John. It was a relief that Mike treated the issue of bible translations when he examined and exposed the Passion Bible.

Errors Apparent

It soon became apparent that there were errors in beliefs, doctrine and practice, that were being expressed by those in charge which prevented me from considering joining the Church. This was in spite of the fact that Brian , the Pastor, had expressed there was no reason why an application to membership, from me, would be rejected.

Church Membership

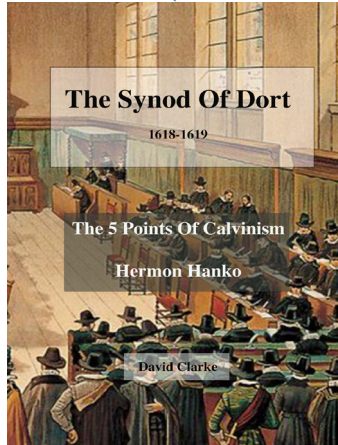
When discussing church membership with Kevin Eves, whom I had witnessed he and his family joining the Church, he expressed it was wrong to join a church with a view to changing things, to which I agreed.

The Reformed Faith

I was able speak to John Elshaw and others about certain matters of scripture and it emerged that Kevin and John were opposed too, and against the Reformed Evangelical Faith, as expressed at the Synod of Dort, in 1618-1619. John said he had never heard of Arminianism and Kevin asked questions relating to the freewill of man and the Sovereignty of

God asking, how could it be reconciled. To which I replied they cannot be reconciled because man does not have free will in that sense. It was this that enabled me to conclude, rightly or wrongly, why there was so much error in beliefs and practices going on in the Church all of which led me write and publish an article, 'The Synod Of Dort 1618-19', and I sent PDF copies to all concerned.

[THE SYNOD OF DORT 1618-1619 \(Click to access\)](#)



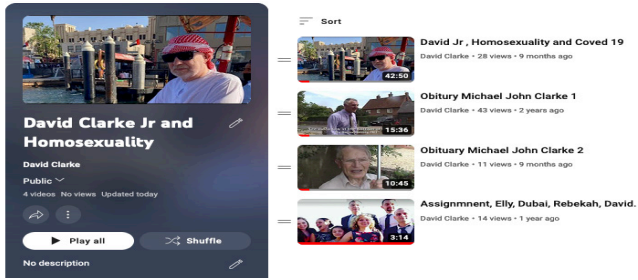
Homosexuality

We also discussed the issue of homosexuality and I shared with them my concern about my son David who had the problem and Kevin offered to speak to David about my concern, and I then shared my concerns with the Church before going to Dubai, last year when I informed of my intentions to address the problem with my family. At that time Mike said he would not discuss this issue about my son with me. (He has recently misunderstood my request).

I treated the matter, as best I could, and went to Dubai and gave my family a 45 Minute presentation, on the subject of David Jr. and Homosexuality, and produce a publication on that subject. Enclosed below links to a YouTube video recording to me addressing the subject along with a PDF publication that includes hyper-links for access to appropriate information and to My Internet Archive dealing with the subject.

I would appreciate you taking time to review what I said as I feel so alone in dealing with these issues.

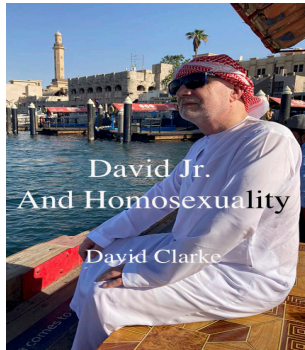
1 [YouTube Video Presentation DAVID, JR, AND HOMOSEXUALITY \(Click to view YouTube Play-list\)](#)



2 PDF Publication

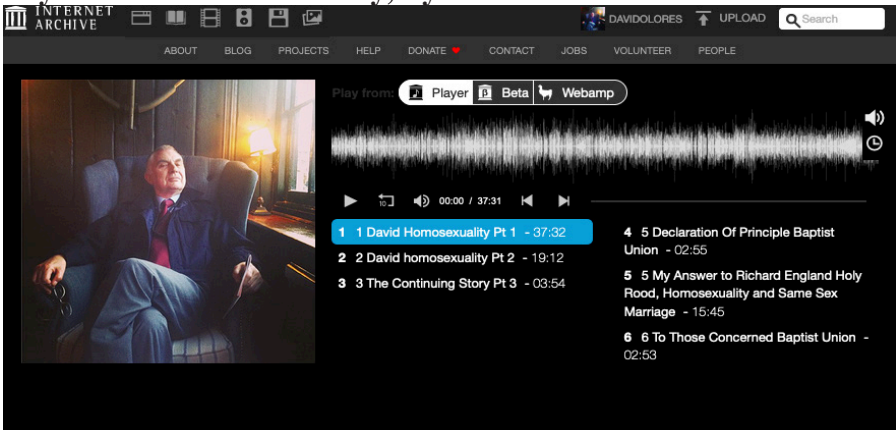
[DAVID JR. AND HOMOSEXUALITY PUBLICATION](#)

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The Book

3 My Son and Homosexuality, By David Clarke Snr



Internet Archive MP3 Files on the subject

[HTTPS://ARCHIVE.ORG/DETAILS/DAVID-HOMOSEXUALITY](https://archive.org/details/DAVID-HOMOSEXUALITY)

Bound by COVID

We were then bound by the COVID problem and unable to meet for

several weeks. When we were returned to meet as a Church I learned of the division and split that had occurred. However I was not a church member and was not privy to the in's and out's of the issues. When I enquired to the nature of the problem I agreed, in principle, that the issues mentioned were important and needed to be corrected. In reference to COVID some believed we should take a definite attitude to the problem and just rebuke the virus and claim protection from it whilst others thought we should take serious steps and protect ourselves and others from it and adopt all government and other advice

A Request For a Copy of the Trust Deed

At that time, and realizing the serious division in the Church, I asked Mike for a copy of the trust deed, which would identify the Church and the trustee's, which would also express your articles of religion, or confession of faith. I had reason to be hopeful that a reformation was taking place.

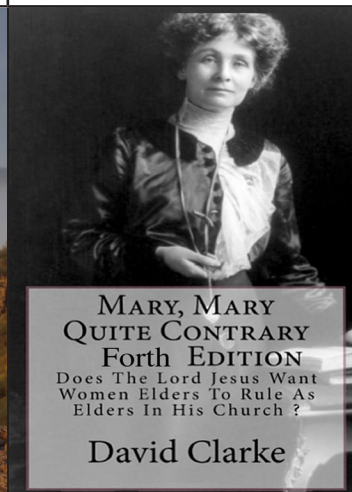
However I had no response, even after a second request.

I also gave you copies of my personal experiences of my former Church affairs relating to certain doctrinal matters, with a view for you to consider, should it be necessary to consider an application for Church membership from me. I gave copies of my books, *Let Christian Men Be Men* and *Mary Mary Quite Contrary* which treated some of the important matters and errors that were effecting, not only Hill Park but Christian Churches world wide.

LET CHRISTIAN MEN
BE MEN
1 Corinthian 16:13



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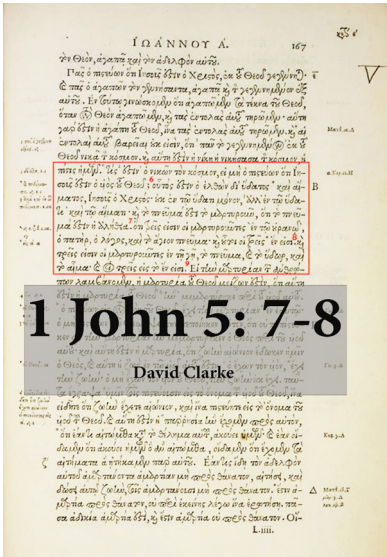


Inhibiting Effect

As the year passed it was still unclear as to the Churches beliefs, or confession of faith, which had the effect limiting, or inhibited my responses to respond and partake in the prayer, bible studies and share time. This being because when I had expressed my views at the meetings of the Church, it caused friction and provoked strong objections.

I have learned that it is important to know the doctrinal beliefs of a Church and its Confession of faith, in order to express ones thoughts in such a way as not to clash with any sensitive directional element of gospel. And by sensitive issues I will site one example; you gave a sermon stating that the verse in 1 John 5, 7 had been added to the bible and was not in the original text i.e. There are three that bare witness in heaven The Father, The Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three ara one. See your sermon on the subject. It was my opinion it was a very poor response and you did not treat the subject fairly and that this verse is used to deny the accuracy and reliability of our Authorised Version and of the doctrine of the Trinity. I responded to you by sending you a publication I had compiled but you gave me no response. It is freely available.

[1 JOHN 5:7-8](#)



Treating the subject of 1 John 5:7-8

For such reasons it is importance to me to know a Churches set of beliefs

,or Confession of faith.

Proposed New Constitution

It was when you produced the document entitled, 'Proposed New Church's Constitution, that I read and examined all the documentation and realised you were wishing to align with The General Baptists Union of Great Britain, becoming a denomination. This move or Proposed New Church Constitution was a departure from the independent position that Richard had informed me of. This proposed move is significant and serious move.

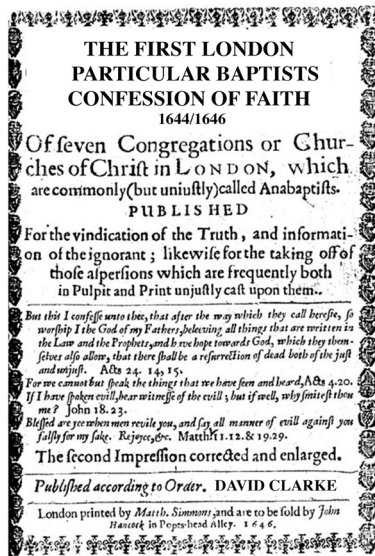
My Immediate Reply

Having read the various documents and references, I replied to you immediately as I had personal knowledge of the denominational divisions and problems among the General Baptist and other Baptists these past 50 years.

In the documentation, and after viewing the various references about the General Baptists Union, significant reference is made to The First London Baptist Confession Of faith of 1644-1646, 2nd Edition, which is the standard, and well understood, confession of faith known by all Reformed Evangelical Baptists.

[THE FIRST LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH 1646](#)

2nd Edition (Click to view)



This Confession follows the Synod of Dort, 1618-1619, Canons of Dort, which is a confession of faith that both John Elshaw and Kevin Eves opposed and in my opinion accounted for some of the errors in doctrine and

practise that I had witnessed at the Church in the past.

Importance of Theological Doctrine and Practice

As it was important to correct any errors in thinking about how to respond to the CORONA virus, so it is important to correct theological errors regarding erroneous doctrinal issues. Errors in gospel teaching should take priority over uncertainty as to how to respond to national health issues.

I Ask You A Question

As I have mentioned I am very familiar with this confession, and for the reasons given I asked you, weeks ago, if you and Richard, as Baptists, subscribed to this First London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1644/46 2nd edition. However you have not given me a reply, which concerns me greatly.

I would really value a reply to my question as the matter has stretch over several month and we have now entered into a New Year,

Yours in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

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4th January 2023 (Updated 7th January 2023)

