

Dear All Hill Park,

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David Clarke's post in Particular Baptists UK



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God Willing, I hope to be with you on my return from Dubai in November, mean while i pray you will be directed by the Lord in all matters in connection with church matters.

I wrote to secretary of the Baptist Union in connection with Mikes recent circulation of Baptist Basics regarding the series written by Dr. Neil G. Write, the former principal of Surgeon's College, with a view to discuss certain issues he raised. I was informed Dr. Wright was unavailable to meet of discuss matters. It wasn't clear as to why he was not available so I have asked my email be sent to him personally.

As I am not a church member I realise I am not privy to certain church matters and so I may not be aware of matters that have been discussed privately as a church. My communications with others who are not church members , via email etc., is with the purpose of being transparent and making known my understanding and concerns. For this reason have included the email addresses as CC, of those to who I have written to, so as not to be as those who speak of things done in a corner (Acts 26: 25-28). Those to who I wrote, are family members and ministers of the gospel, who have in interest in the cause of Christ.

With reference to privacy, an incident occurred with Kevin Eves when the matter of woman preaching was mentioned and I stated to him that a

woman is disqualified from being an elder (1 Tim 2:12) and he disagreed with me. So I asked him to read a book that I had written on the subject and to give me his feedback.

As this book related to the Church at Warsash I informed Brian Reeves (one of the elders at Warsash) that he was a liberty to relate to Kevin what had happened, at the Church, in 1999, should he meet him, as the matters that I wrote about involved them.

When I informed Kevin that I had contacted Brian informing him that I had gave him permission to related those things that took place, Kevin was taken back with surprise and said he would never divulge anything that we had discussed together. I was taken back by his surprise as I was not use to doing things in secret based on the maximum that if what is said is not in love, and as a Christians, it should not be spoken about at all (Col 3: 16, 1 Pet 4:5, Rom 8:9, Phil 1:27)). I had no concern about Kevin making enquires about what I had written.

In connection with this subject and transparency please take it from me you may freely speak and relate to any one all that I write and publish, by what ever means, as I write as a Christian, in the name of the Lord Jesus and for his honour, and with the interest and safety of all in my care, according to the gospel rule (1 Cor 14:40, Phil. 2:15).

And generally my communications are with a view to the spiritual safeguard of others (Ezekiel 33:6, Phil 4:6-7) and not as a dumb dog but me being about the masters business (Isaiah 56:10-12).

It is my view that we as Christian should by governed by the word of God and not allow our moral beliefs and practices to be governed by the moral standards set by the government of a nation Acts 5: 27-28). I speak in connection with church affairs, in particular about same sex marriage and homosexuality.

There is a move afoot to regulate what may be spoken about publicly and a church be bound by law not to discriminate as to who can be married in a Church building or join a church.

In this period of my life I have noticed much legislation about what can and can't be done, all in the interest of diversity, safety and equality and

religious people seem to bow down to the dictates of those in secular power.

Our rule surely must be, 'What says the word of God and not, 'Are we allowed to do this or that. We should be governed by the Spirit of Christ, as written in His word, submitting to every ordinances of man, for the lords sake (1 Pet 2:13), in so far as it is consistent with his word, otherwise we become like the Galatians who were pushed from pillar to post, had fallen from grace (The doctrine of grace), by those who wished them to bound by the beggarly element of the Law of Moses (a reference to the world). (Gal 4:9) This should be in all matters and not be hog tied to an ungodly government seeking to bind men to ungodly practises. (Matthew 5:14-16)

This fear of man has produced a politically correct culture that inhibited godliness. (Rom 12:2) and I believe we should rise above this speaking truth openly, honestly and above board and not in a corner behind a person back. (Rom 1: 30).

I pray and trust the church meeting at the end of the month will bear much fruit to the glory of God and the cause of the lord Jesus Christ,

Col. 1:11 "Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;"

David Clarke