

Press statement by Andy Lines – 8th June 2017

It is important to remind ourselves of what is at stake today: The God of the whole earth longs that all people be saved through turning away from our rebellious ways and trusting in the wonderful mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that generous desire includes the people of Scotland.

If, however we are to turn, we do have to know what we need to turn from. God has graciously told us in his word, the Bible. The issue at stake today is whether we trust in what God has said or not. We are not at liberty to tamper with his word; nor even to say that it is okay for some to believe what the Bible says, as long as we allow others the freedom to deny what the Bible says. Of course, those who teach will be held even more strictly to account. It is not loving to allow people to believe that any lifestyle that runs contrary to the Bible is acceptable to God. There are many issues that Christians can and do agree to disagree on, but not one which puts in peril the eternal destiny of the people Jesus died to save.

That is what is at stake today; that is why Gafcon leaders have decided to act. It is for the good of everyone in Scotland, so that all may hear and respond to the authentic and wonderful good news of Jesus Christ.

For my part, it is a privilege to be able to offer appropriate help and support to those in Scotland who wish to maintain the authority of the Bible. You are not alone. Although I sound English and am, I have strong Scottish roots and connections, and my friends and family would agree that I have always been a strong supporter of Scottish sport in lean times and good (there have sadly been plenty of the former; let us hope that this weekend marks a change on the football field; that is, soccer, not American football)!