

PETITION

To the Moderator and other members of the Northern Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, to meet at Ballymoney on 8 November 1995. Whereas a statement was adopted by the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland on 13 June 1995 regarding the Gospel offer, I Philip Rainey of 26 Caldwell Park, Portrush do hereby respectfully petition your Court to clarify the conclusion to the said statement vis.

In consequence we reject the following statements as incompatible with our standards, witness and testimony:

1. The gospel message contains nothing more than an exhibition of truth and a command to obey.
2. When the gospel is preached it does not contain a sincere and well-meant invitation from God to all who hear to turn to Christ for salvation.

Clarification with respect to the afore-mentioned two points is sought as follows:

With respect to point no. 1: What more does the gospel message contain than an exhibition of truth and a command to obey?

With respect to point no. 2: What is meant by the phrase "a sincere and well-meant invitation"?