

Friday with Fred – December 1, 2017



The Triumph of Hypocrisy

Hypocrisy is one of those ugly words that we never want to be spoken of concerning ourselves. It is the spirit of duplicity and the characteristic of a two-faced person. It is someone who says one thing and does another. Jesus put his finger on it...

And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. (Matt. 7:3-5)

A hypocrite is a person who pretends or plays a role. We have always known that it is a common problem for people, but lately we are able to see it in 3-D depth with pristine clarity. The west coast capital of entertainment, Hollywood, and the east coast capital of our nation's government has both provided ample evidence not only of corruption and perversion but also hypocrisy. Both sides of the political aisle are guilty. What's the surprise? As Francois de La Rochefoucauld said, hypocrisy is the homage vice pays to virtue.

We are living in a botched civilization. We, as a nation and a people have been so much more, and are becoming so much less. And yet, it is true that the West is the native home of hope. But mark it well - it is only because of a theistic worldview manifesting the moral values proclaimed by Christianity.

We as Christians must live today in a modernist world. But it is also true that the ancient past must be vitally present in our lives. We are to be "filled with grace and truth." We are to "speak the truth in love." We are to "walk in the light" and "walk in love." We are to "let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a

word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear."

All of these imperatives from the Lord are to be done by the power of the Holy Spirit guiding you, leading you as you submit to His work in your life. This is not to be accomplished by legalism or a legalistic set of rules. The power and the person of the Holy Spirit who indwells us is to be submitted to moment by moment.

I imagine some of you may be asking yourself, "How do I do that?"
Go ask Him. He will answer you.

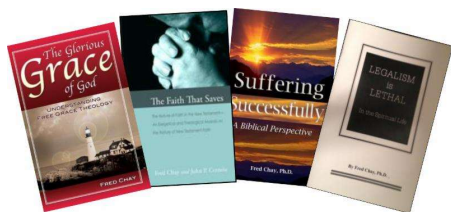
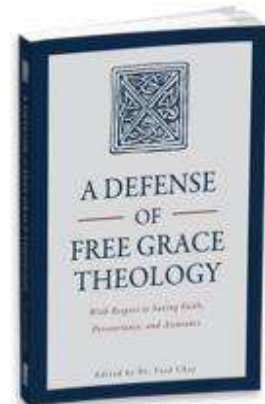
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