

Friday with Fred – April 28, 2017



Think About This...

Living in today's secularized culture often can lead us to long for an experience of the sacred. Today, followers of Jesus are often looked at as being mindless believers who believe in meaningless myths or magical incantations. The fact is we believe in what we could call *magisterial mysteries*. Both Easter (the resurrection) and Christmas (the incarnation) are expressions of great miraculous mysteries. We believe these are objective facts not simply subjective values. They are "True Truth."

These are both cosmic realities that include the transcendence and immanence of the Triune God. They have both universal and personal importance. Bringing it closer to myself, one of the most profound mysteries is the fact that when I believed in Jesus I became regenerated (Titus 3:5), and born again (John 3:7). I became a new person and a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). The fact is, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me (Gal 2:20). And if that is not enough, I am the temple of the Holy Spirit and He dwells in me (I Cor. 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16). The end game of all of this is that I might be filled with the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19).

In case you missed it---We have just engaged in some high level theological reflection. These truths are not to be reserved for those who go to Seminary or Bible College. These truths come from the word of God that was written in letters to the people of God, either to be read or preached as sermons or studies for all the people of God, which we call the church.

I want you to meditate on these facts for a moment. Reflect on this reality. Think on these truths. The veracity of these truths is summarized by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians when he says, we are "In Christ." We are in some fantastic way blessed with

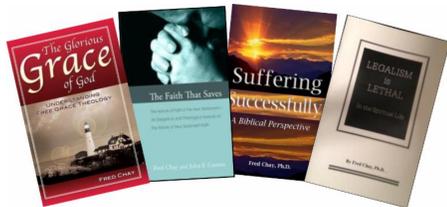
all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places with Christ (Eph. 1:3) because we are in Christ.

Let me challenge you this upcoming weekend, before you go to church to worship the Lord, to look up each of the references I have listed and ponder the implications for your life. Ask yourself, "Self, what does this mean for me and how does it impact the way I live? How does it or should it effect my relationship with my spouse or kids or people at work?" And most importantly, reflect on how these truths affect your understanding of and relationship with the Lord.

Serving Him with you
Until He comes for us,
Fred

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