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Where is the Life We Lost in Living?

All our knowledge brings us nearer to our ignorance,
All our ignorance brings us nearer to death,
But nearness to death no longer nearer to God.
Where is the Life we have lost in living?
Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?
Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?
The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries
Bring us farther from God and nearer to the Dust."

This assessment of the modern world we live in is from T.S. Elliot's epic poem, *The Rock*. Only surpassed by his magnum opus, *The Wasteland*, this chorus contains within it and communicates from it a message that questions the very meaning of modern man. While our technological advancements have skyrocketed, our moral compass has led us to plummet to the depths of depravity.

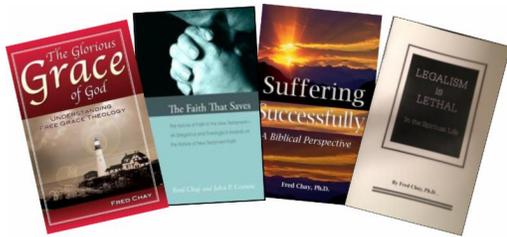
But I have good news for us. The world has been this way before and in fact, it might have always been this way to some degree. However, in the midst of the darkness is the light. In the midst of the corruption and decay is the salt. In the midst of the world is the Church of Jesus Christ. And who is the church? That is us!

However, as former United States Senate Chaplain Richard Halverson said;

"In the beginning the church was a fellowship of men and women centered on living for Christ. Then the church moved to Greece, where it became a philosophy. Then it moved to Rome and became an institution. Next it moved to Europe where it became a culture. And finally it moved to America, where it became an enterprise."

We who are the church of the 21st century must be what the church was meant to be and was in the first century. The church is an organism, not simply an organization. It is a Spirit indwelt, Spirit empowered and a Spirit led entity that is the pillar of truth and a light to the world. We are ambassadors for Christ who bring the message of love and hope. The truth is as author Carl Henry said, "*Jesus planted the only durable rumor of hope amid widespread despair and doubt of a hopeless world.*"

Serving Him with you
Until He comes for us,
Fred



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