

Friday with Fred – May 26, 2017



### **Temporal Troubles - Eternal Truths**

One of my favorite writers who passed away in 1993 was Christopher Lasch. Unfortunately, as far as I know he was not a Christian, but he was a wise man in many ways. I remember reading his blockbuster social commentary the year it was written, 1979, entitled *The Culture of Narcissism: American Life in an Age of Diminishing Expectations*. Most of what has been written by others since then is but a footnote to his work.

It seems that the empire of the self has only grown with the passing years and spread through the technological revolution, metastasizing to every corner of our society. Unfortunately, it seems that western culture is now where morality goes to die.

We who name the name of Christ have been given the gift of eternal life and the eternal Word of God. It is that Word that speaks with moral and immortal finality! It is no wonder that the devil, via the culture, seeks to destroy the veracity, validity and viability of sacred scripture.

Make no mistake, from the garden of Eden to the last days of the Millennial Kingdom the Word of God will be challenged; sometimes overtly and sometimes covertly. But mark it well, the kindness of God and the correctness of His word will always be challenged and called into question. In today's scholastic and social worlds doubt, debate, and disputes allow people to brazenly defy and disobey the will and wisdom of the Word of God and the God of the Word.

What must we do and how can we be salt and light in our society?

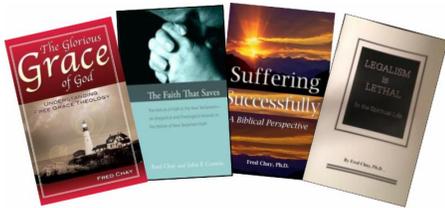
- First, we must be mentally committed and administratively disciplined to organize our day beginning with a fresh in-take of the scriptures. That means we seek the leading and illumination of the Holy Spirit to guide us as we read the Bible.
- Second, seek to apply what we have read to our lives that very day.
- Third, meet with the Lord and interact with Him as to how we are doing in following His word to us. This should involve some contemplation and confession as well as communion with Jesus.

We live in times of temporal troubles. Thank God we have eternal truths.

Serving Him with you  
Until He comes for us,  
Fred

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