

Friday with Fred – April 14, 2017



Tragedy Turned to Triumph

In the literary world, there are many forms of great drama, cosmic epics, and legendary stories of valor. These classic forms of communication come in both fictional and nonfictional varieties. But perhaps the greatest of all literary expressions is the Tragedy.

The tragedy conflicts with our sense of what is right and wrong, it connects with our sense of that which is fair and just, and it clashes with what we know is evil and that which is authentically good. The power of the tragedy is connected to the degree of goodness and the dimension of greatness concerning the hero; the greater the hero the greater the tragic ending.

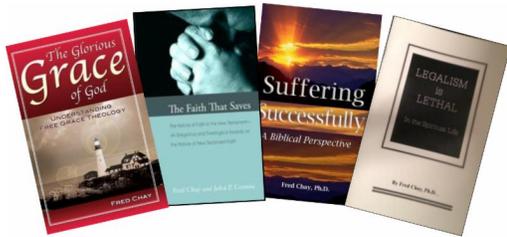
Good Friday is perhaps the greatest expression of a true tragedy. For truly He who was completely innocent and perfectly good was tortured, shamed, and killed by those who were both malevolent and malicious. The evil angelic forces in the heavens and the sinful passions of mankind on earth came together to do pure evil to Him who was pure good.

But then there is GOD... And then there is "the rest of the story." We call it Easter. It is more than cute little bunnies and better than any Easter egg whether chocolate or dyed. It is the culmination, the consummation, and completion of the divine reversal of the fall of the first Adam in Eden. It is the second Adam denying the lies of the devil and defeating death by offering a perfect sacrifice for sin and being seated on His throne.

As F. Scott Fitzgerald said, Show me a hero and I will write you a tragedy. We have the greatest hero ever known and we have the greatest story ever told. Be encouraged by the tragedy of Good Friday and the triumph of Easter Sunday and be exhorted to tell it.

Serving Him with you
Until He comes for us,
Fred

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