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How Should We Then Live?

Dear Pastor,

Many will no doubt recognize in the subject line the title of Francis Schaeffer's important work, first published in 1976. (For a helpful perspective on Schaeffer and this book, click [HERE](#).)

Thousands of men and women were just elected to office and some results are still pending. Their leadership (or lack thereof) will impact families and ministries—for better or worse—for years to come. Thus the question: "How should we then live?" It's an important question to ponder no matter what the election results are.

We all will experience a variety of emotions and responses when this election cycle finally concludes. In 2016 we saw the weeping and wailing of many on the left when Hillary Clinton lost the election. It was clear that for many, her loss represented an almost unbearable tragedy. It was sad to see this display of misplaced hope. May this never be true for God's people!

We fully expect to experience some measure of disappointment relative to this election. Some good candidates have lost or will lose and some bad candidates have won or will win. Disappointment is to be expected as we live in a fallen world. Love of neighbor compels us to pray for and work for the election of good candidates to office. "Righteousness exalts a nation" (Prov. 14:34). But our reality is that good candidates don't always win.

We live in a fallen world, and God's Word is clear that for the believer this world is not ultimate and is not our final home.

So we live with this tension between seeking the welfare (Jer. 29:7) of that which is not ultimate and living for that which IS ultimate.

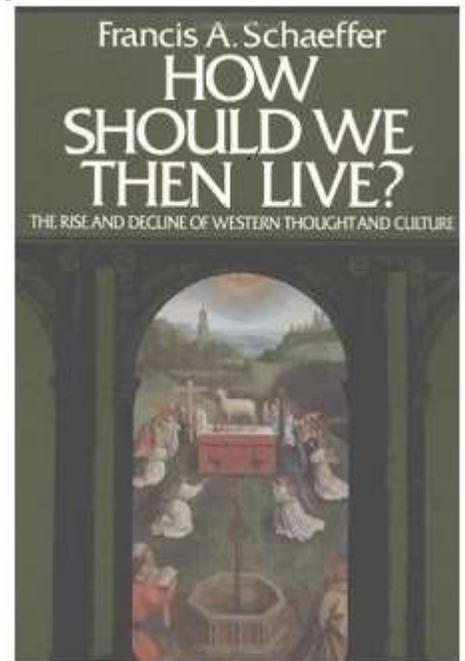
Which brings us back to the question, "How *should* we then live?" We should live as faithful ambassadors of the King of kings (II Cor. 5:20). We embrace His values and purposes for our lives even when they are mocked, ridiculed or outlawed by the government or culture. We continue to speak truth to a culture that increasingly insists on rejecting the very concept of truth or insists on believing that individuals can create their own truth.

Whether or not "our" people win this week is important and it is right for believers pray for and engage in elections and to be good stewards of their citizenship by being salt and light. But win or lose, the answer to the question, "How should we then live?" is the same: With eternity's values in view.

In Christ,

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PS: Julaine had a really great commentary this week. To read the transcript, click [HERE](#). We think you will appreciate what she had to say.