

What Is The World Coming To?

Our culture has seemingly become more and more worldly and Christians are clearly on the defensive in many places. What is happening to our society and our country? What is the world coming to? Perhaps you have heard people say this and possibly you have uttered similar expressions. This trend of secularization of our society has been occurring as long as I can remember but the pace is much faster in recent years. What can the Lord's church do to reverse or resist this trend? What can we do as individual Christians?

We must remember, as members of the Lord's church, we are in the world but not part of the world. Therefore, there are differences in the ways Christians influence the community and country from the way a political system works. Christopher Dawson wrote, "Its (the Christian's) victories may be found in apparent defeat and its defeats in material success." In other words, we are to do the Lord's work in the Lord's way.

As individual Christians, living-in-truth is the responsibility of each one of us. We cannot merely be present in the world but we can and must be a transforming agent to those in our areas of influence. An active Christian life has a changing effect on our community. You remember what Jesus said, *You are the light of the world; Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven* (Matt. 5:14a, 16). *You are the salt of the earth* (Matt. 5:13a). As "salt" we must reach out and touch those around us.

As a body of believers in our community, we must continually affirm who we are and Whose we are. It is not us ourselves, but a group of Christians living-in-truth that changes the world. Our part is small but with God's blessings, this group of believers at Karns, by simply living faithful, active lives, will significantly influence our community and beyond.

Have we waited too long and the downward momentum is too great for us to halt or resist the morally corrupt and godlessness we see and read about every day? Remember, with God's help, twelve men changed the world and eventually brought down the most powerful government in the world. We believe God will answer our prayers and through our influence, change this community.

For the elders,
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