

FACING THE FACTS

In a candid and stunning essay a few years ago to evangelical Christians following the death of pro-Constitution U.S. Supreme Court justice Antonin Scalia, Dr. Mark Tushnet, a professor of constitutional law at Harvard Law School, claimed a victory for liberalism, and is reported as saying, “You lost, deal with it.” His attitude toward Christian values was plain, as he argued that moral-conservatives should be treated like Germany and Japan at the end of the Second World War—a demand for unconditional surrender. One presidential candidate at that time similarly declared that those of us who are opposing such issues as abortion and same-sex marriage must change our views. In other words, the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom must be cast aside as an archaic ideal of the past, while our society presses on into a supposedly enlightened paganism. After all, Supreme Court justices must forget what was in the minds of the drafters of the Constitution, seeing the Constitution as what’s been called a “living document,” subject to changing ideals. In other words we should be content with the idea that the Constitution means whatever the current Supreme Court says it means. We, as Bible believing Christians, must agree with a president, who said that “we are no longer a Christian nation.” As Esau, if we want to survive we must sell our heritage for a “mess of pottage.” Secularism and Islam must be seen now as the legitimate standard-bearers of the “New World Order.”

Numerous incidents have risen in which Christians who still cling to what some see as the religious relics of the past are targeted as second-class citizens. Public tax-supported universities are largely in the hands of the “politically correct” elite. The few Bible-believing professors that have not already been terminated are being passed over for tenure due to their Christian beliefs. It is becoming commonplace for those holding Christian beliefs to be discriminated against. As one among many examples, Dr. Eric Walsh, a respected health inspector in Georgia, who is also a lay minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, was fired from his position in the Department of Health. The Georgia state officials investigated his sermons. Finding that he preached against homosexuality and world religions and supported creationism, he was fired from his position with the Department. Businesses are forbidden to refuse service in support of same-sex marriage, and find themselves being sued and subjected to heavy fines. It is expected that churches, religious institutions and ministers must soon bless homosexuality as acceptable. For a preacher to preach against such, he is to be charged with “hate speech.”

Some are saying we’ve already lost the “culture-war.” At the least we have lost many battles in that war. God’s call is for His people to stand firm in the word of God. If we do, we will continue to be “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world” (Matt. 5:13-16). We must face the facts, realizing that we are in spiritual warfare with the demonic forces that are at work in the world. To do otherwise is to betray our God-given purpose for being here.

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