

1                                   **THE BEGINNING OF THE END**

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6                                   **“HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?”**

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8   Years ago, while serving on the board of the National Religious  
9   Broadcasters, several times I had the privilege of hearing lectures by  
10   Francis A. Schaeffer. He lived and taught from L’Bri, Switzerland.

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12   His lecture “HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?” was made into a series  
13   of films and was seen by millions. His brilliant work traced western  
14   history from ancient Rome along three lines: philosophy, science and  
15   religions - and how these movements reflected changing patterns of  
16   thought through time. His premise was this: when we base society on the  
17   Bible, on the infinite personal God who is there and has spoken, this  
18   provides an absolute by which we can conduct our lives and by which we  
19   can        judge society.

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21   I have adopted his theme tonight in light of our series study, The  
22   Beginning of the End. During this time, which I believe will grow tougher  
23   and more cruel, “HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?”

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25   2 Timothy 3:1-3

26   *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. [2] For*  
27   *men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud,*  
28   *blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3] Without*  
29   *natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce,*  
30   *despisers of those that are good, [4] Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers*  
31   *of pleasures more than lovers of God; [5] Having a form of godliness,*  
32   *but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

1 Last week I said I didn't buy into the popular teaching today that the world  
2 will just get better and better and we would see the greatest soul harvest  
3 the world has ever known. This theory is totally at odds with what the  
4 Bible says is going to happen. As the Apostle John reminded us:

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6 1 John 4:3

7 *And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh*  
8 *is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard*  
9 *that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*

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11 QUESTION: Who do you think is smarter and tougher - you or Satan?  
12 The answer is pretty simple: Satan. SO YOU NEED SOMEONE AND  
13 SOMETHING SO POWERFUL THAT IT CAN MAKE YOU A  
14 FORMIDABLE FOE AGAINST HIM.

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16 Acts 1:8

17 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:*  
18 *and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,*  
19 *and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

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21 What is the operative word in Jesus' promise there? **POWER! Ye shall**  
22 **receive POWER.**

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24 I am a lifelong Pentecostal. That is, I believe in the Book of Acts - for that  
25 matter all 66 books in the Bible.

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27 IF JESUS SAID THAT A PERSON RECEIVING THE BAPTISM  
28 IN THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD RECEIVE POWER,  
29 I BELIEVE THAT PERSON WILL RECEIVE POWER.

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32 The Holy Spirit imparts gifts to enable the believer to live a powerful life  
33 for Christ in this evil generation.

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1 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

2 *Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. [5] And there are*  
3 *differences of administrations, but the same Lord. [6] And there are*  
4 *diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.*  
5 *[7] But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit*  
6 *withal. [8] For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to*  
7 *another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; [9] To another faith*  
8 *by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*  
9 *[10] To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to*  
10 *another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to*  
11 *another the interpretation of tongues: [11] But all these worketh that*  
12 *one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

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14 **Wisdom** - the gift to make choices and give leadership that pleases God

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16 **Knowledge** - the gift to have a comprehensive understanding of a  
17 spiritual issue or circumstance

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19 **Faith** - the gift to trust God and inspire others, no matter the conditions

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21 **Gifts of healing**

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23 **Gift of miracles** - these give credibility to God's Word

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25 **Prophecy** - anointed proclamation of God's Word

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27 **Gift of discerning spirits** - ability to recognize whether or not  
28 something is truly from God

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30 **Tongues** - not gibberish

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32 **Interpretation of tongues**

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34 **Gift of helps**

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36 **Gift of administration**

1                   **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE KNOWN AS**  
2                   **CESSATIONISTS AND NON-CESSATIONISTS**

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4 Cessationists are those who believe the miracles, the gifts of the Holy  
5 Spirit, ceased long ago or “ceased with the apostles.” Healing is a great  
6 example of this.

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8 They quote 1 Corinthians 13:10:

9 ***But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall***  
10 ***be done away.***

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12 Some, not all, cessationists claim that when the Scriptures were complete  
13 and available to all people, it was the “perfect” which had come. We  
14 believe that while scripture is perfect (in the original autographs) this is  
15 not to what Paul was referring. He was talking about Jesus who is perfect  
16 and is coming.

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18 Crazy issues come to light here - and are claimed to be “of God.” Such as:  
19 gold dust falling in some charismatic churches... throwing your coat at  
20 people who have come for prayer... teeth being filled... etc.

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22 **The Holy Spirit is given to us to be powerful servants of Jesus... not**  
23 **clowns to be mocked by non-believers.**

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26                   **HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?**

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28                   **BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

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30                   **HE GIVES US THE POWER!**