A photograph of a row of classical columns, likely in a grand hall or cathedral. The columns are made of light-colored stone or marble and are illuminated from the side, creating strong highlights and deep shadows. The perspective is from a low angle, looking down the length of the columns. A dark brown rectangular box with a white border is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing white text.

Finding our Hope in the
great King who Reigns
over all the Earth

Prayer list before bed

- Uvalde
- Buffalo NY
- Collins family from Tomball
- People marching in the streets for the right to kill unborn children
- Elected officials who want to redefine the family
- My own extended family with health and other struggles
- Devastating report from a major denomination outlining sexual abuse

Oral Roberts tell a group of high schoolers at an FCA camps that we serve a God who hung the earth on nothing

Comfort in the truths of the Psalms
Psalm 47 is one of those comforts.

Psalm 47

God Is King over All the Earth

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

47 Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

² For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

³ He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.



In verse 2 He writes,

“For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth!” (Psalm 47:2). The psalmist says the reason we are excited, the reason we are shouting with joy is:

God is King over ALL the earth.

God is no ordinary King. The psalmist tells us he is the Lord Most High. There is no one above him. He is the King of every other king, he is the Lord over every other lord and he is the One true God. And because of that, verse 2 tells us, we should be in awe! We should be in a place of amazement that causes us to clap



**5 God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a
trumpet.**

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!**



**8 God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

**9 The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!**



Psalm 24
The King of Glory
A Psalm of David.

**24 The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
2 for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Psalm 2, The Reign of the LORD's Anointed

2 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Question 1:

How can we reconcile what we know to be true when we see so much that is contrary to that truth in our world today?

Already, Not Yet

HOW TO LIVE IN THE LAST DAYS

“For now, Christians live in a great theological tension: we already possess every spiritual blessing in Christ, but we do not experience the fullness of these blessings yet. In one sense, we are already adopted, redeemed, sanctified, and saved; in another, these experiences are not yet fully ours. Underneath this theological and practical tension are the two comings of Christ. In his first coming, he inaugurated the last days; in his second coming, he will complete them. In the meantime, we live for now in “the overlap of the ages.”

David Briones, Westminster Seminary



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Already, Not Yet

What do I mean? According to Scripture, believers are

- already adopted in Christ ([Romans 8:15](#)), but not yet adopted ([Romans 8:23](#));
- already redeemed in Christ ([Ephesians 1:7](#)), but not yet redeemed ([Ephesians 4:30](#));
- already sanctified in Christ ([1 Corinthians 1:2](#)), but not yet sanctified ([1 Thessalonians 5:23–24](#));
- already saved in Christ ([Ephesians 2:8](#)), but not yet saved ([Romans 5:9](#));
- already raised with Christ ([Ephesians 2:6](#)), but not yet raised ([1 Corinthians 15:52](#)).



Underlying this theological tension is a theological structure: the already–not yet framework.

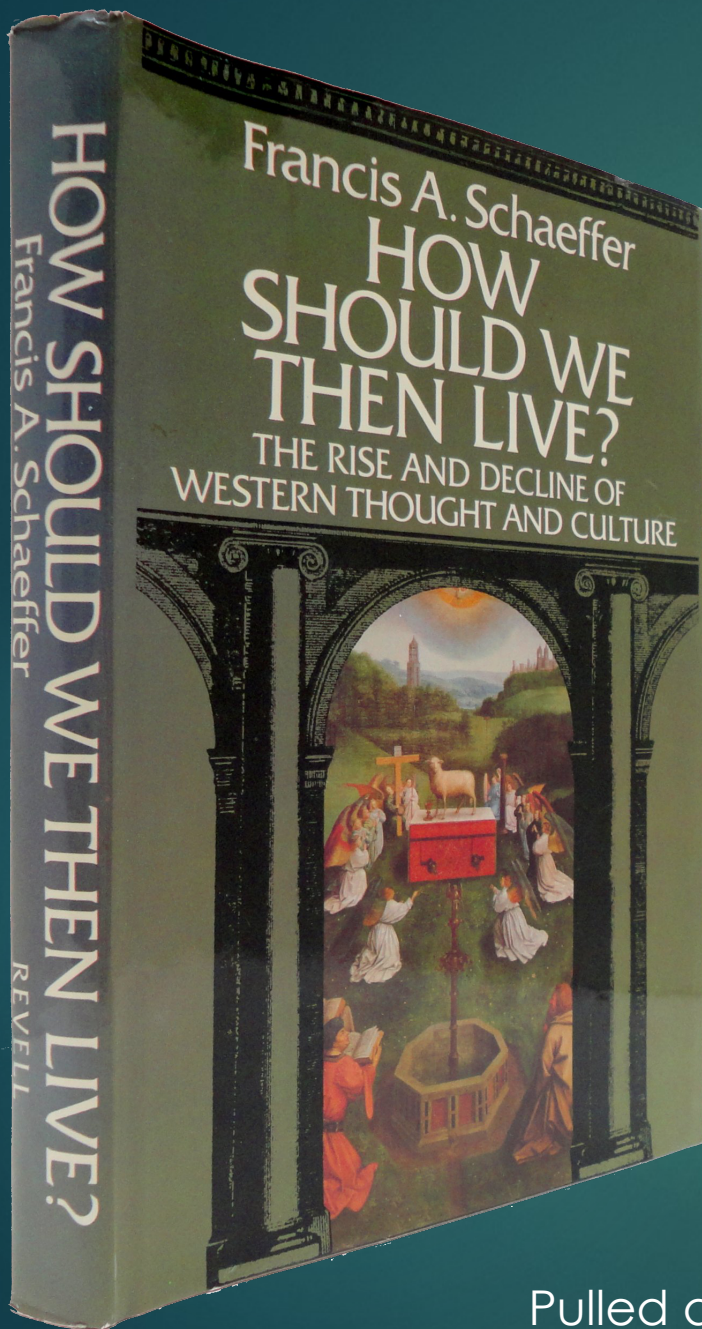
The New Testament authors thought, wrote, and lived through the grid of this biblical framework or mindset. It determined the way they spoke about God’s dealings in this world in light of the world to come.

If we don’t understand this mindset, the theological tension we live in will become a theological disaster. We will inevitably misread Scripture. And if we misread Scripture, we will live misled lives.

Question 2:

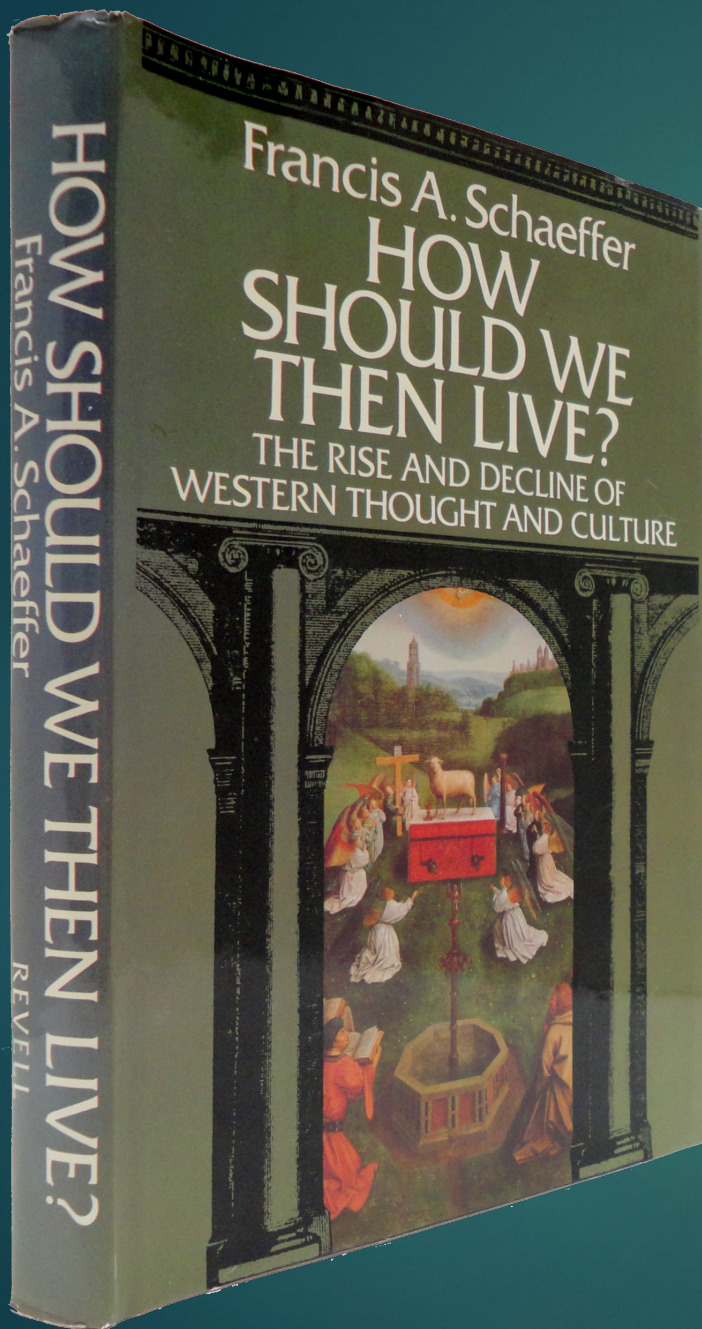
We know the truths of God's word and that there is more of God's reign to come, but how should we live today?

In 1976, Francis Schaeffer published his blockbuster, How Should We Then Live. Like us today, Schaeffer was disturbed by how the church and the culture were slipping away from a Biblical Foundation.




Francis Schaeffer long pondered the fate of declining Western culture. In this brilliant book he analyzed the reasons for modern society's state of affairs and presented the only viable alternative: **living by the Christian ethic, acceptance of God's revelation, and total affirmation of the Bible's morals, values, and meaning.**

Pulled a few quotes that may be able to help us



“Most people catch their presuppositions from their family and surrounding society, the way that a child catches the measles. But people with understanding realize that their presuppositions should be chosen after a careful consideration of which worldview is true.”

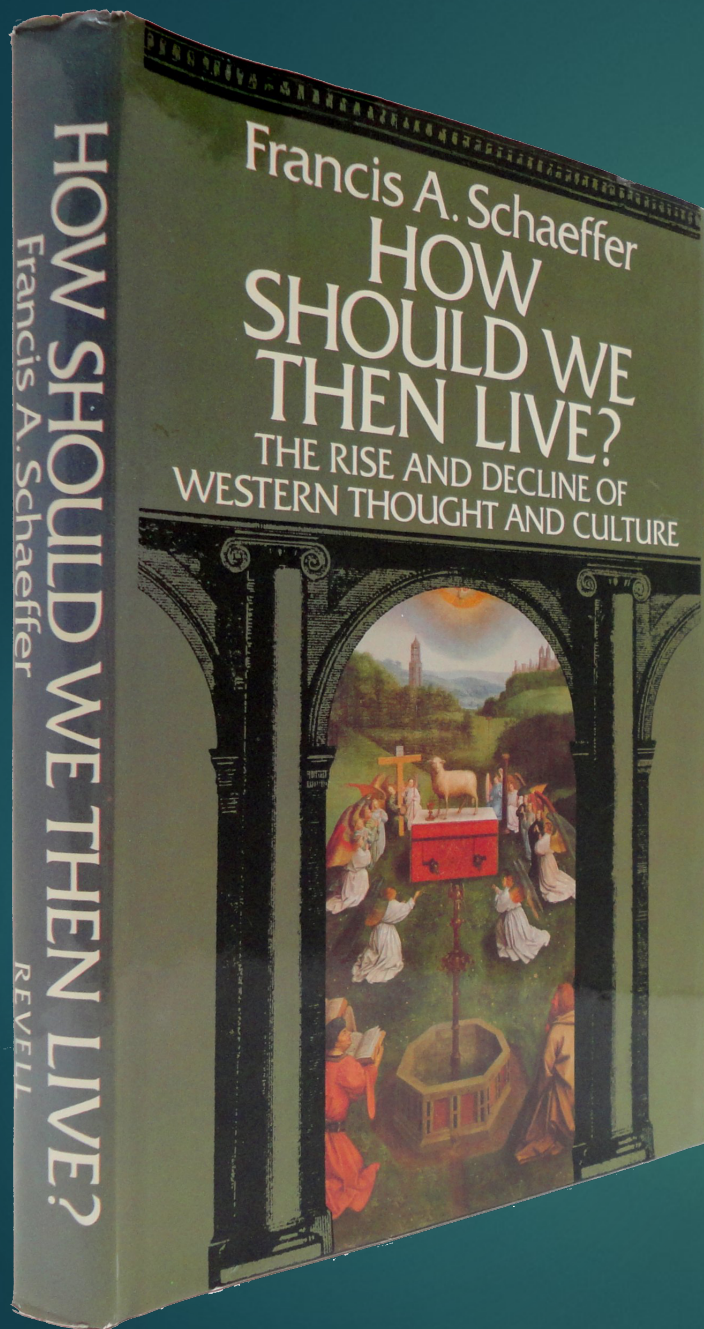


Van Til argues that one must presuppose the truth of Christianity in order to make sense of reality: "What is the content of this presupposition, then? It is this: "I take what the Bible says about God and his relation to the universe as unquestionably true on its own authority" (The Defense of the Faith, 253

Thus, Van Til's apologetic does not make Christianity the conclusion of an argument; rather, Christianity is the starting presupposition.

The Presuppositional Apologetic of Cornelius Van Til, John Wartick

Cornelius Van Til, reformed philosopher and theologian, and an original founder of Westminster Theological Seminary.



“The ironic fact here is that humanism, which began with Man’s being central, eventually had no real meaning for people. On the other hand, if one begins with the Bible’s position that man is created by God and in the image of God, there is a basis for that person’s dignity.”

Neutrality is a myth, Everyone has a worldview

Secular
Humanism
Pantheism



Biblical
Christianity
Post-
modernism

Unbiblical View of Society

Sacred

Church

Bible Study

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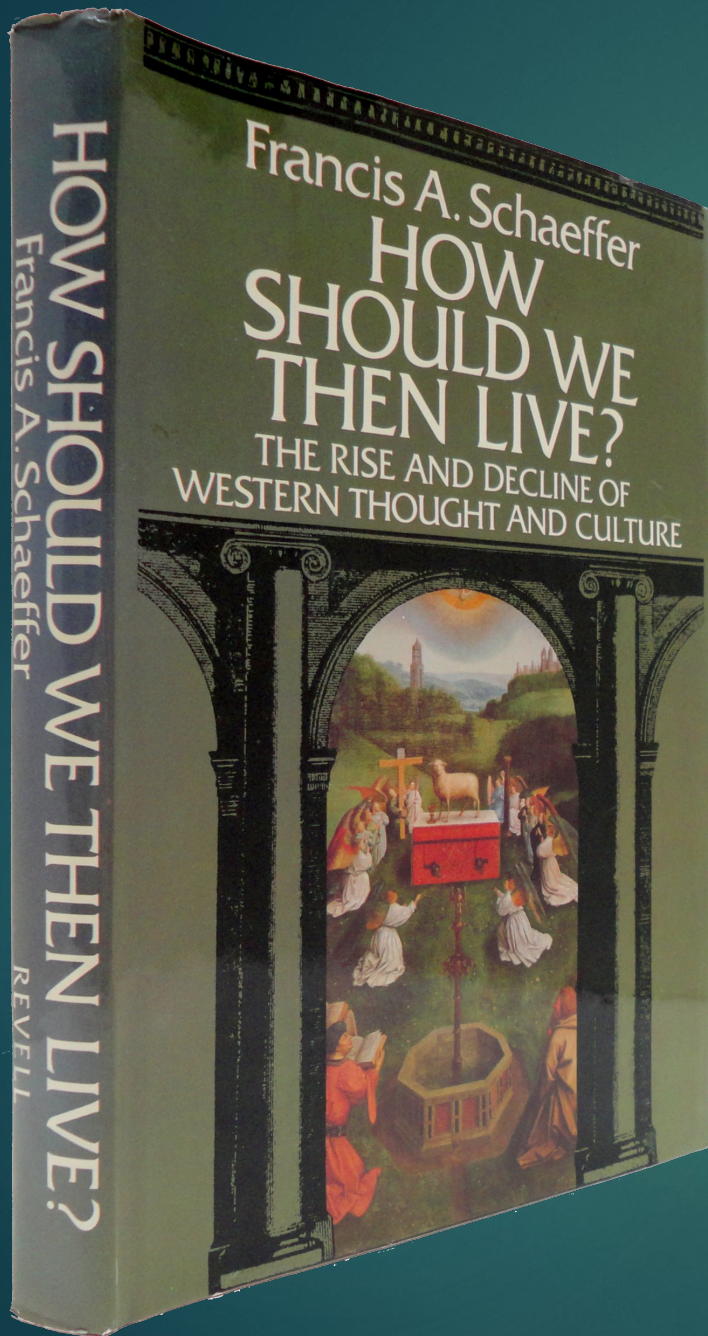
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“Here is a simple but profound truth: If there are no absolutes by which to judge society, the society is absolute. Society is left with one man or an elite filling the vacuum left by the loss of the Christian consensus which originally gave us form and freedom.”

Schaeffer's solution for how we should live in this world:

- Live by the Christian ethic**
- Accept God's revelation**
- Total affirmation of the Bible's morals, values, and meaning.**

- 1.Christian ethics teaches us how to live a life pleasing to God according to the Bible**
- 2.God's makes himself known as Lord through divine revelation, which is given to all people through creation and human nature and to specific people through events, inspired human words recorded as Scripture, and Jesus Christ himself.**
- 3.Depend on the Bible as our standard for right and wrong**



Learn to think and live in accord with a Biblical Worldview

Focus on those things near to us. Get our house in order.

CREATOR GOD

Genesis 1:1
Psalm 24:1

Implications of God's creator status

- Man is totally reliant on God
- Man will never be God
- Man is accountable to God
- Knowledge flows downward from God
- Mans authority is limited and delegated
- Man cannot save himself

John 19:11

INDIVIDUAL → **FAMILY** → **CHURCH** → **CIVIL GOVT.**

Ecc. 12:13-14
Fulfill God
ordained
destiny (Eph. 2:10)

Govern self
(Gen. 2:16-17)

Obey God, not
man (Acts 5:29)

Obey authority
(Titus 3:1)

Ephesians 5:22-6:4
*Dominion &
Continuity* Gen. 1:26-28

Primary spiritual
& educational
classroom Deut. 6

Care for sick, elderly,
and poor in family

Learn prayer,
worship, Godly
character

I Tim. 3, Titus 1
*Redemption
Worship*

Deal with sin

Edify, Exalt, and
Evangelize

“Banner of Truth”
I Tim. 3:15

Protect doctrine (I
Tim. 4, 6), Show sin (I
Cor. 5, 6), Need for
repentance (Mt. 18:15)


Romans 13:1-7
*Maintain Social
Order*

Deal with crime

Internal-police
External-armed
forces

Punish wrong-doers
Protector not
provider

Consent of the
governed



**Let's close in prayer for our
family, church, and government**