

He is not simply a life and fire insurance salesman but our Lord and Savior. Our salvation is only and exclusively by His atoning blood, and our sanctification is by His law-word, which His Spirit gives us power and grace to live by. As the Lord's covenant people, we must live by His word, not our own. He is the only way.

Our sinful world lies under the burden of guilt and the sentence of death. We must strive to reach the inner and the outer city, places near and far, church, state, school, and all other areas of life and thought with the saving power of Christ and His sanctifying law-word. Christ's blood has been shed, and our task is now to proclaim His salvation, dominion, and victory unto all the world. Our Lord tells us very plainly that the very "gates of hell shall not prevail (or, hold out) against" His church (Matt. 16:18). John tells us what this means: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4). In fact, Paul tells us, whatever the persecution or battle, "we are *more* than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37). Having such assurances, we dare not retreat. Once Christians invented the university; now they retreat into little Bible colleges or sports factories. Once they built hospitals throughout Europe and America; now the civil governments have taken them over. Once Christians were inspired by "Onward Christian Soldiers;" now they see themselves as "poor wayfaring strangers" with "joy, joy, joy, joy down in their hearts" only on Sundays and perhaps Wednesday evenings. It is no wonder the world views Christians as being pathetic, irrelevant, and culturally impotent.

Chalcedon is committed to the idea of Christian reconstruction. It is premised on the belief that ideas have consequences. It takes seriously the words of Professor F. A. Hayek: "It may well be true that scholars tend to overestimate the influence which we can exercise on contemporary affairs. But I doubt whether it is possible to overestimate the influence which ideas have in the long run." If Christians are to reconquer lost ground in preparation for ultimate victory (Isaiah 2, 65, 66), they must rediscover their intellectual heritage. They must come to grips with the Bible's warning and its promises: "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18). Chalcedon's resources are being used to remind Christians of this basic truth: what men believe makes a difference. Therefore, men should not believe lies, for it is the truth that sets them free (John 8:32).

THE MINISTRY OF CHALCEDON

Since its inception in 1964, Chalcedon has been active in broadcasting a positive message of hope. A world that is increasingly pessimistic and disillusioned with the failure of secular humanism is now feeling the impact of Christians who are exercising dominion and reclaiming lost spheres of authority for Christ the King. Chalcedon's past activities have included:

Foundational and leadership roles in the Christian Reconstruction movement. Chalcedon's emphasis on the cultural or dominion mandate (Gen. 1:28) and the necessity of a return to Biblical law has been a crucial factor in the challenge to humanism by Christians in this country and elsewhere.

Early involvement in and commitment to the Christian school movement. From its inception Chalcedon pinpointed the Christian school as the single most important institution in reversing the influence of secular humanism.

Seminars. Past and planned topics include Christian schools, economics, history, Christian reconstruction, law, and the arts. In addition, Chalcedon staff members and associates speak frequently throughout the country for various churches, schools, and private organizations.

Publications. Numerous Chalcedon sponsored books, articles, and journals have been produced covering areas such as theology, economics, history, philosophy, politics, education, law, science, sociology, and more.

Promotion of our constitutional and religious freedoms. As our liberties are derived from America's Christian history only a return to a Biblical concept of authority and law can preserve them. Chalcedon has been called the "think tank of the religious right" (*Newsweek*, Feb. 2, 1981).

Involvement in the church-state battle. Rev. R. J. Rushdoony, the founder of Chalcedon, is the number one witness at trials involving the freedom of Christian churches, schools, parents, and students. His knowledge of history, humanistic philosophy, law, and scripture have enabled him to give crucial testimony in scores of cases where religious liberty is at stake. In addition, Chalcedon was instrumental in establishing the Rutherford Institute, the purpose of which is to aid lawyers in the defense of religious liberties.

CHALCEDON'S PUBLISHING AND TAPE MINISTRIES

Chalcedon Report

Published monthly since 1965, the *Report* has done a great deal towards awakening Christians to a distinctly Christian world and life view. It is a collection of articles on numerous subjects, all of which represent outstanding Christian scholarship.

Chalcedon News

Published several times a year, the *News* reports on current activities of Chalcedon and its staff members, as well as projects in the planning stages. It is sent to those who contribute \$20.00 or more each year.

Chalcedon Audio-Visual Department

From Chalcedon's beginning in 1964 the messages, lectures, and seminars given by staff members have been recorded. As a result, our tape library now consists of something in excess of 1,000 recorded lectures and sermons. Plans for the future include expansion into video and films.

The Journal of Christian Reconstruction

Edited by Dr. Douglas F. Kelly, the *Journal* represents a major contribution to current thought. As its name states, its purpose is to rethink every area of life and thought with a view to Christian reconstruction therein, and to do so in the clearest possible terms.

Position Papers

As occasion demands Chalcedon publishes essays on particular subjects of crucial importance. Over three dozen such papers are currently available, with more in the works.

Medical Reports

Occasionally Chalcedon publishes an essay of particular interest to those in the medical profession, though all are welcome to receive it.

Books

Chalcedon books are published in part by Ross House Books (a separate tax-exempt, non-profit organization). In addition, discounted books are available through RHB's subsidiary, Dominion Book Club.