

EXCERPTS FROM Letter to the American Church by Eric Metaxas

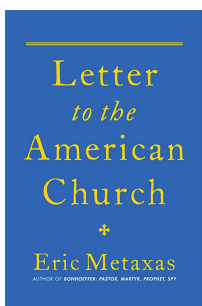
One of the most important books of 2022 was *Letter to the American Church* by Eric Metaxas, a best-selling author and host of “Socrates in the City” and the nationally syndicated Eric Metaxas Radio Show. The book is a bold and incisive prophetic critique of status quo Christianity in contemporary America that all serious Christians should read. As C. S. Lewis observed, the most rare of all the Christian virtues is that of courage – a trait that few Christians and church leaders manifest today in terms of confronting the demonic and insidious “woke” agenda that is subverting and perverting every aspect of our society and culture. The following excerpts highlight some of the key themes in the book, but readers are encouraged to read the book in its entirety so as to fully understand and appreciate the context for these quotes. – *Jefrey Breshears*

(From the cover)

“Silence in the face of evil is itself evil....”

“Decrying the cowardice that masquerades as godly meekness, Eric Metaxas summons the Church to battle. The author of a bestselling biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Metaxas reveals the haunting similarities between today’s American Church and the German Church of the 1930s. Echoing the German martyr’s prophetic call, he exhorts his fellow Christians to repent of their silence in the face of evil....”

“An attenuated and unbiblical ‘faith’ based on what Bonhoeffer called ‘cheap grace’ has sapped the spiritual vitality of millions of Americans... [who] shrink from combating the evils of our time. Metaxas refutes the pernicious lie that fighting evil politicizes Christianity. As Bonhoeffer and other heroes of the faith



insisted, the Church has an irreplaceable role in the culture of a nation. It is our duty to fight the powers of darkness....”

“Silence is not an option. God calls us to defend the unborn, to confront the lies of cultural Marxism, and to battle the global tyranny that crushes human freedom....”

Wayne Grudem: “... Bold and insightful... Metaxas calls for pastors and other Christian leaders to be courageous enough to speak unambiguously against the massive anti-Christian forces that now threaten to permanently transform American society and bring to an end America’s role as a beacon of freedom for the world.”

(Excerpts from the book)

“Critical Race Theory – which is atheistic and Marxist – and radical transgender and pro-abortion ideologies, are all inescapably anti-God and anti-human.

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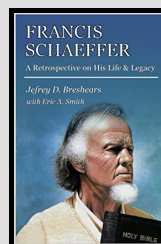
Areopagus Seminars

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER: A Retrospective on His Life & Legacy

SUNDAYS,
JANUARY 8th to FEBRUARY 12th

9:00 AM

Perimeter Church
Harvesters Class



A six-week series on the book, *Francis Schaeffer: A Retrospective on His Life & Legacy*. Schaeffer, along with C. S. Lewis, was perhaps one of the two most influential Christian thinkers of the

20th century and a man with whom every serious Christian should be familiar.



A HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA Part 4: From 1876 to 1932

SUNDAYS,
Beginning JANUARY 8th

11:30 AM

Johnson Ferry Baptist Church
Room 277

Part 4 in our ongoing series on American Christian history. Along with a general overview of this period in history, this course covers the most important movements, people, issues and events associated with evangelical Christianity, the Holiness and Pentecostal movements, liberal Christianity and the Social Gospel movement, along with prominent individuals such as Charles Spurgeon, D. L. Moody, C. I. Scofield, Aimee Semple McPherson, and many others.

Excerpts from *Letter to the American Church*

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So are they dedicatedly at war with the ideas of family and marriage.... As Stalin and Hitler and Mao would butcher millions in the name of fighting for ‘the people,’ so these forces do the same [under the guise of ‘social justice’]....”

“Most church leaders have not seen the change and have not adjusted, but continue to act as though it is an unseemly betrayal of their calling to say anything that might open them to the accusation of being ‘political’....”

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer too was told not to be ‘political’....”

“[Meanwhile] secular leftists and leftists in the Church have become radically political and are cynically pretending that those who disagree with them are the ones being political....”

“In some ways it is as though George Orwell had scripted [our current scenario], except it is far stranger than anything he ever wrote.... Suddenly the

false, confusing, and wicked ideas that come from Critical Race Theory and Transgender and Queer Theory have not only erupted into culture but have been welcomed into many churches.”

[Note: If you read only one book this week or this month or this year, read *Letter to the American Church*. Also encourage friends and relatives to do the same, and arrange to discuss the book with them. Christians – especially parents and church leaders – must wake up and speak out before freedom of speech and religious liberty are suppressed as in all totalitarian societies. *This has nothing to do with “Christian nationalism”* – the latest buzz term used to intimidate Christians into silence and meek submission. This has everything to do with wholistic and comprehensive Christian discipleship – what Francis Schaeffer referred to as “the lordship of Jesus Christ over the whole of life.”]



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Areopagus Seminars

FRONTLINE APOLOGETICS:

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WEDNESDAYS

JAN. 18th to APRIL 19th

7 PM / Room 105

Johnson Ferry Baptist Church

Christian apologetics is essential to effective evangelism. It is also immanently practical, but oftentimes apologetics is presented in such an obscure and esoteric way as to cloud its practical application to real-life situations.

By contrast, Frontline Apologetics is a practical course in applied apologetics. Many Christians desire to share their convictions with others but are hesitant and uncertain regarding how to effectively explain and defend their faith both to non-Christians as well as to Christians who are struggling with their faith due to personal and spiritual issues or to challenging intellectual, moral and cultural influences.

Based on the book by Jeffrey Breshears, *The Case for Christian Apologetics*, and augmented by a series of engaging Socratic dialogues that focus on arguments and questions that people commonly have regarding the truth of the Christian faith, this course is valuable for all Christians regardless of how experienced and knowledgeable they are in evangelism and apologetics.

As followers of Christ we should be prepared not only to clearly explain but also effectively defend the unique truth-claims of the historic Christian faith to non-Christians who are sincere truth-seekers as well as to Christians who are honestly struggling in their faith.

