



“ WE ACCEPT THAT THE OUTCOME IS SOLELY IN THE HANDS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD. ”

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What kind of regime change?

Dear friends,

In his gospel, Luke reports that, when asked by Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus answered ... *behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you (or within you)*, thus relativizing the observation of external signs and rather focusing on the faith aspect (17.20-21). He stressed the necessity of living out the imperatives of this Kingdom. Regime change is first a personal one, before it can (and certainly should) impact other people and our culture at large. To be quite frank, Western societies are so deeply secularized that they have become rotten to the core, as we observe day after day with great shock. Speaking of my own country, France, I would not hesitate to say that it needs a drastic *regime change*. However, how do you bring it about? Ironically, *regime change* not just in France but throughout Europe became a top priority for the French Revolution of 1789. It was followed by the immensely destructive military campaigns of Napoleon pursuing the same ideal. We all know how all this ended.

Nonetheless, that same dream has remained at the core of the ideology of more than one contemporary empire. I trust, though, that no one would imagine bringing sound and durable *regime change* in France by heavily bombing Paris, its civilian population, schools and monuments, despite Napoleon bringing similar havoc to a city like Vienna about two hundred years ago. In Romans 10:19, the apostle Paul, called to preach the Gospel to the nations, asks several pressing questions of his readers who live in the capital of the huge and powerful empire of his time : *How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?* The radical change brought about by the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus-Christ is expounded a bit further in his letter (12:2) : *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* This is now real and solid *regime change*, the removal of the rule of Satan and his false prophets and its replacement by the Spirit of the Lord. That is what *Reformed Faith and Life* is striving to do on a day-to-day basis in France and in the French speaking world. Of course, we fully understand and accept that the outcome is solely in the hands of the Spirit of God.

Projecting our ministry into the future

And how are they to preach unless they are sent? Paul asks. This is becoming a real issue for the ministry of *Reformed Faith and Life*. In a few months I will reach the age of 66. Living in a region of France which is quite flat, I can't say that I am over the hill (yet), although signs of wear and tear occur from time to time. Although I am not thinking of quitting just yet, the question of an adequate successor has been on our agenda already for a while. It has been discussed during our RFL committee meetings. Keeping open a sharp eye to identify young potential candidates is one thing; finding the right one is another thing. There too, the outcome is solely in the hands of the Spirit of God who calls, equips and sends.

In the meantime, the audit work on our use of social media with a specialized (Christian) consultant is slowly but surely progressing. It allows us to rectify shortcomings and gradually improve our visibility. It was a surprise to realize that 58% of viewers' traffic on our Facebook page comes from Algeria! My book *Do you understand what you are reading?* is still in the hands of the publisher's editing team for a final revision. I hope to be able to report more in my next newsletter.

Forthcoming travels

In a month time I will be travelling to South Africa for a short visit of ten days. I have already been asked to preach in a few Reformed churches in Pretoria and Johannesburg. One of them is a bilingual congregation of African immigrants (English and French), mostly from Central Africa. This is actually the church where I delivered my very first sermons thirty years ago when I was still a theological student at seminary.

And then, in June, I will DV fly to Calgary to attend the URCNA Synod, where I am scheduled to give a presentation on our ministry during the evening specially dedicated to missions. I am looking forward to many opportunities to fellowship with my fellow believers. Thanks to the faithful work of our RFL-Canada committee in Alberta I will also be preaching in various URCNA churches. Please pray for safe travels and continued strength and energy.

In Christ the Lord,

Rev. Eric Kayayan

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