



Dwelling

The Grand Story the Bible and the Longing of the Human Heart

“Many terrorists have come from comfortable middle-class backgrounds, and many were apolitical and unconcerned with global politics for most of their lives. Neither these issues nor any kind of genuine religiosity drove them so much as the need for a clear identity, meaning, and a sense of pride. They realized that they had an inner, unrecognized self that the outside world was trying to suppress.” - Francis Fukuyama

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The Presence of God in the Church (God's
people in Christ) by Spirit

Righteousness | Lawlessness

Light | Darkness

Christ | Belial

Believer | Unbeliever

The Temple of God | Idols

Paul intends for believers to engage with people who don't share their beliefs; he just doesn't want to see their relationships lead them into darkness. The Corinthians believers are supposed to be changing the world, not to be changed by it. Paul wants to see the Corinthian believers separate from their old way of living and fully embrace the ways of Jesus.

- John D. Barry

A Christian's whole identity, then, is rooted in rebirth into family, and identity is something much more than a personal decision. Identity is not so much about personal ethics or psychological wellbeing (although they are outcomes); instead, identity is radically communal.

- Sara Barton

Indicative BEFORE Imperative

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“An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, 'If I have that, then I'll feel my life has meaning, then I'll know I have value, then I'll feel significant and secure.' There are many ways to describe that kind of relationship to something, but perhaps the best one is worship.”

- Tim Keller (*Counterfeit Gods*)

“Whatever controls us is our lord. The person who seeks power is controlled by power. The person who seeks acceptance is controlled by the people he or she wants to please. We do not control ourselves. We are controlled by the lord of our lives.”

- Rebecca Pippert

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