











# cosmic 

## consequence ofideas

truth/reality human nature government

## our purpose

 our destiny morality



# goes back to The Fall 

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and
people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set
themselves and the rulers take
counsel together, against
the Lord and against his Anointed

## saying, Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.



For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

# its outcome is certain 

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury,

## saying,

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

## our duty is

 clearFor though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God

# for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. 

## be salt and light

# be informed and influential 

# equip and engage 

## faithfully model

# compassionately confront 

# firmly resist 

# Get Ready, Youth Group Leaders: Teens Twice as Likely to Identify as Atheist or LGBT 

Barna findings on Generation $Z$ pose new challenges for the church.
KATE SHELLNUTT | JANUARY 23, 2018 11:06 AM


## Identify as other than heterosexual

> 12\%

4\%


Americans
Gen $Z$

Homosexuality should be accepted All Christians


Homosexuality should be accepted

## Catholic



Homosexuality should be accepted Mainline Protestant
 $66 \%$


2014

Homosexuality should be accepted

## Episcopal

$83 \%$


2014

Homosexuality should be accepted Evangelical Lutheran


2007
2014

Homosexuality should be accepted Presbyterian (USA)
$65 \% \%$ 52\%


2007


2014

Homosexuality should be accepted National Baptist


Homosexuality should be accepted

## Southern Baptist



Homosexuality should be accepted Assemblies of God $26 \%$ 16\% $\square$


2007
2014

Homosexuality should be accepted

## Evangelical




2007
2014

Homosexuality should be accepted

## Churches of Christ



For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain
from sexual immorality; that each
one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,
not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things...

For God has not called us
for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

## faithfully suffer






## Father arrested for discussing child's gender transition in defiance of court order

By Jesse O'Neill



A Canadian man was arrested this week after violating a court order that banned him from speaking publicly about his son's gender transition.
YouTube

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.


## boldly denounce

# Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness. 

## joyfully endure

These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

## If God is for us, who can be against us?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

## No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Jesus Christ



