

HOW THEN SHALL WE LIVE?

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I. Where Exactly Are We?¹

	<u>4 Worldly Speculations</u>		<u>God's Word</u>
a. Identity:	Self-Determined	vs.	God-Determined
b. Sex:	For pleasure, not for God	vs.	For God, not pleasure alone
c. Marriage:	Cultural, not universal	vs.	Universal, not Cultural
d. Gender:	Assigned, not revealed	vs.	Revealed by God in biology, not assigned

II. How Did We Get Here?

- a. The rise of expressive individualism
- b. The reality of our post-Christian milieu
- c. The role of our social imaginery
- d. The shaping force of our higher educational institutions

III. 3 Deep Postures of Local Churches

- a. Local churches must be Full-Orbed Embassies of God's Kingdom.

- b. Local churches must present a Compelling Vision of life and human flourishing.

- c. Local churches must Expect a Collision, while Never Staging a Coup.

¹ See Dr. Denny Burk's presentation on 8/28/22 at Faith Church

IV. 6 Practices of the Faithful Exile

- a. Wrestle with biblical priorities when making ethical decisions.
- b. Be ready to draw lines in the sand, while adorning your hard words with love.
- c. Expect to suffer while being deeply grieved.
- d. Live out the gospel in your relationships.
- e. Unapologetically practice biblical masculinity and femininity.
- f. Give yourself to God's work of producing spiritual descendants.