

Defining Who We Are Becoming
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Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”
Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this

with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

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Who We Are Now

1 Peter 3:9b
…repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 1:9
…for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1:4
…and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1:21
Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.



Romans 11:5-6
So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

1 Peter 3:8-9a
…be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult.

James 3:9-11 [NLT]
With our tongue we give thanks to our Father in heaven. And with our tongue we speak bad words against men who are made like God. Giving thanks and speaking bad words come from the same mouth. My Christian brothers, this is not right! Does a well of water give good water and bad water from the same place? Can a fig tree give olives or can a grape-vine give figs? A well does not give both good water and bad water.

1 Peter 3:10-12
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Who We Are Not

The Narrative of Who We Are Becoming

“Today’s tsunami of information sharpens the narrative crisis by throwing us into a maelstrom of actuality. Information cuts up time. Time is reduced to the narrow track of what is momentarily relevant. It lacks temporal extension. The compulsion to actuality destabilizes our life. The past no longer has any effect in the present. The future is narrowed down; it becomes a stream of constant updates on what is currently relevant. We thus exist without a history, for a narrative is a history. We lose not only the capacity to have experiences, which are condensed time, but also the capacity to construct narratives of the future, which are based on a temporal dispersal. A life that trudges along from one present moment to the next, from one

crisis to the next, from one problem to the next, slows to a mere survival. Living is more than just problem solving. Someone who merely solves problems does not have a future. It is only with narrative that a future opens up, for narrative gives us hope."

- Byung-Chul Han, *Crisis of Narration*