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*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that  
you may declare the praises of him who called  
you out of darkness into his wonderful light.  
Once you were not a people, but now you are  
the people of God; once you had not received  
mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

*1 Peter 2:9-10*

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*For everything in the world the  
cravings of sinful man, the lust of  
his eyes and the boasting of what  
he has and does—comes not from  
the Father but from the world.*

*1 John 2:16*



*Of course not all desires are wrong.*

*-But-*

*All wrong desires are wrong.*



Christ over  
culture



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*Paul can only talk about disputable matters because there are things that are indisputable.*





*Live such good lives among the non-Christians that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*



*This is a war but we shouldn't look  
like combatants or be combative.*





*“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you.”*

*James 4:1*



*We shouldn't try to fake it, but we  
do have reason for hope.*



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