



# RESIST: HOW TO STAND AGAINST EVIL (Part 1)

## Romans 12.1-2

### Introduction

At 6:00 a.m. on April 14, 2018, a man burned himself to death in Brooklyn's Prospect Park (<https://nyti.ms/3dUeBe1>). What motivated David Buckel to do this? He was motivated by his system of ethics.

### The Source of Evil

The source of evil is false worship (Romans 1.18-32). Human beings have worshiped created things instead of the Creator. God has given this world over to the destructive behavior false worship demands. Your god will demand your service.

# The Stand against Evil

The Church takes its stand against evil by the mercies of God, offering true worship. We overthrow idolatry with a transformed mind, which produces life-giving behavior (Romans 12.1-12).

## An Example of the Church's Stand

Idol makers in Ephesus rioted against Christians because the new faith was threatening their trade (Acts 19.23-20.28). How did the believers respond?

## The Church's Stand Today

There are three things we can do to stand against evil today.

1. Focus on false gods.
2. Bring new people into true worship locally.
3. Build stronger bonds among Christians locally.