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Abstract:
In contrast to the common interpretive practice of using biblical narratives as sources from which to derive general principles about Christian living, this paper argues the narrative of Scripture as a whole constitutes the doctrine by which believers are called to live. The Bible’s big story offers an understanding of the world that compels participation in it in order to bring about the already revealed conclusion. This perspective influences all aspects of salvation: justification (past) means claiming a new story; sanctification (present) means becoming an actor in that story; and glorification (future) means experiencing the thrilling conclusion of the story.

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