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CHRIST RULERSHIP OVER ALL THINGS



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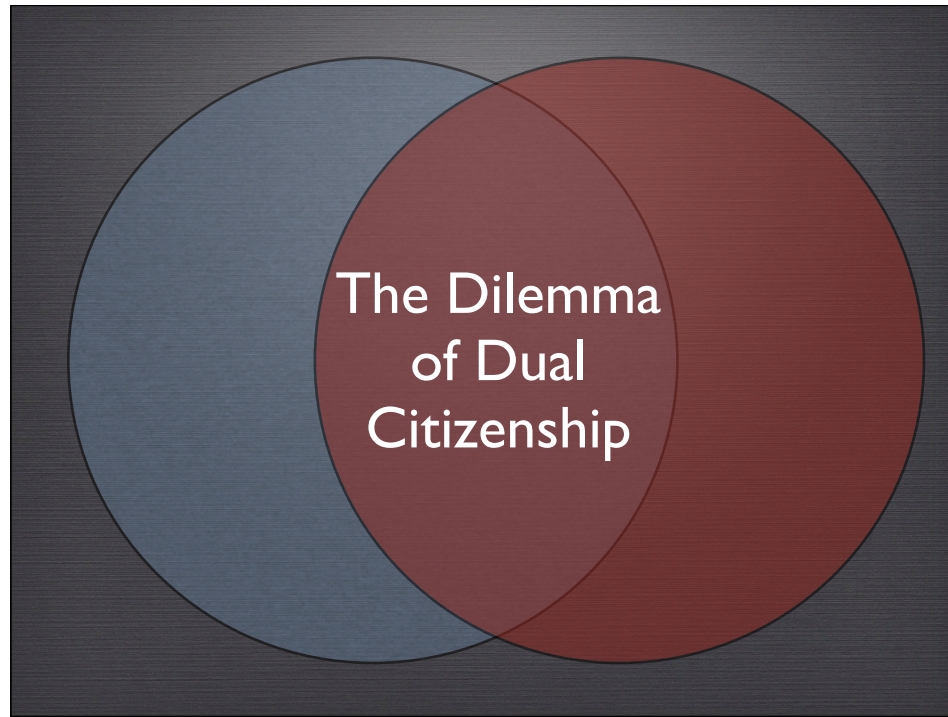
Redemptive
Kingdom
(Church)



JESUS RULES EVERY SQUARE INCH!

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit....

Matthew 28:18-19



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Christ Under Culture - Absorption



Christ Against Culture - Avoidance

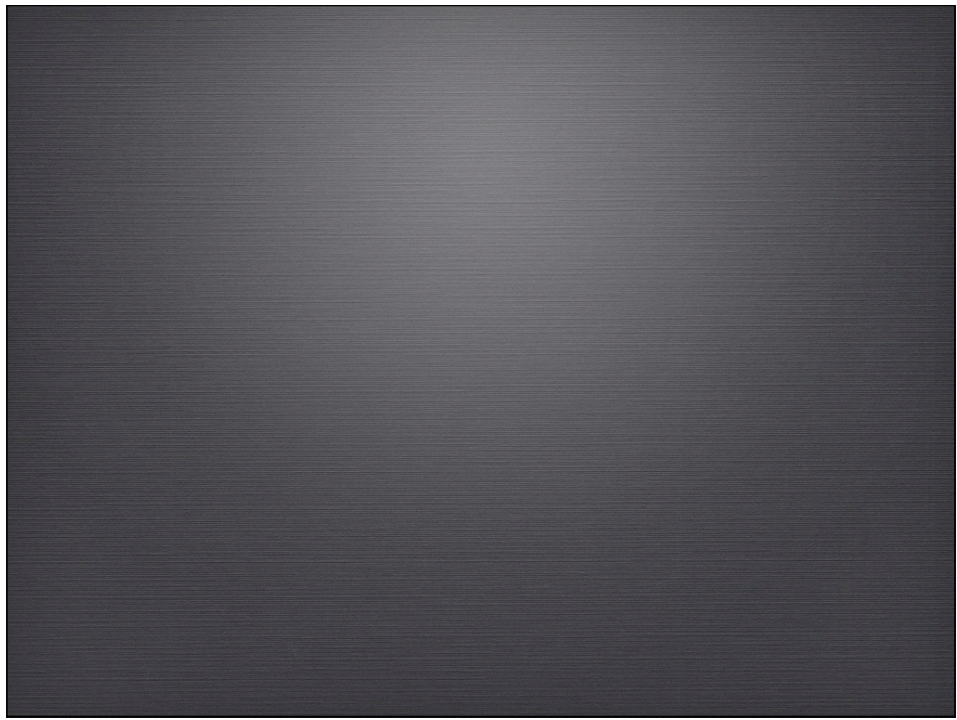
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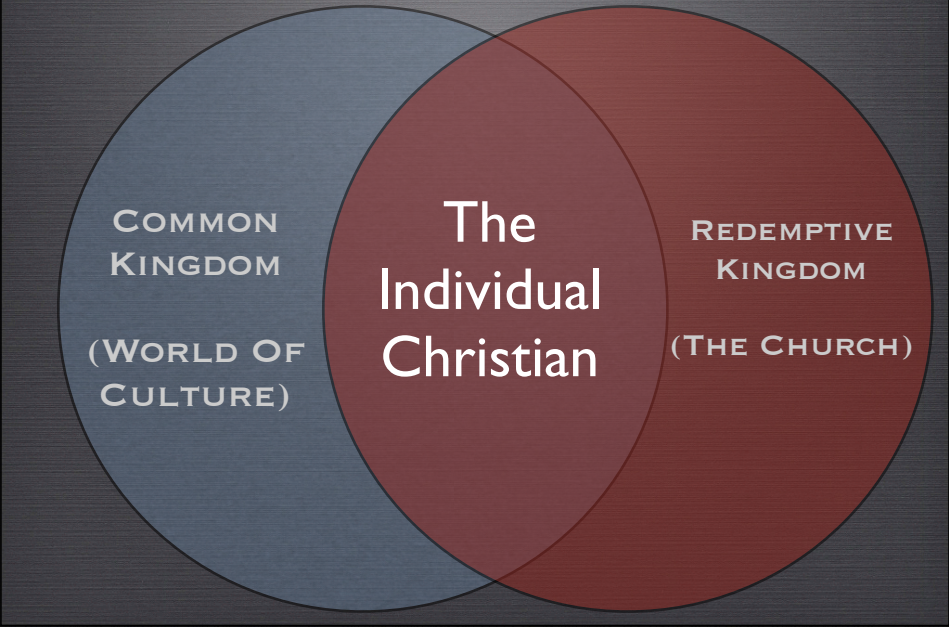
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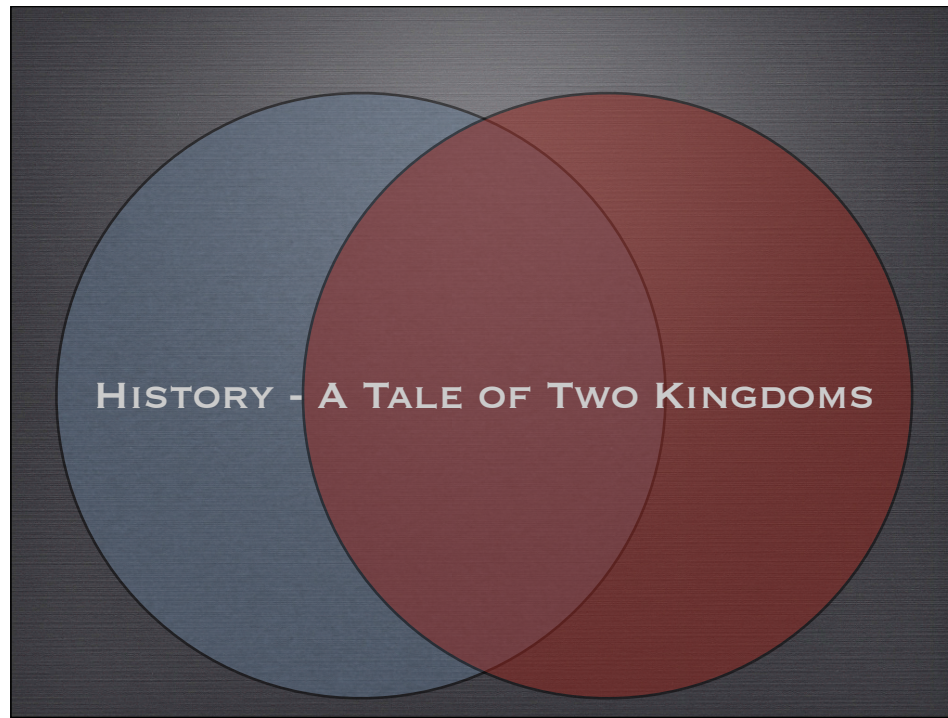


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CHRIST AND HIS TWO KINGDOMS







WHEN WORK WAS WORSHIP

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:27-28



WHEN WORK WAS WORSHIP

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden **to work it and take care of it.**

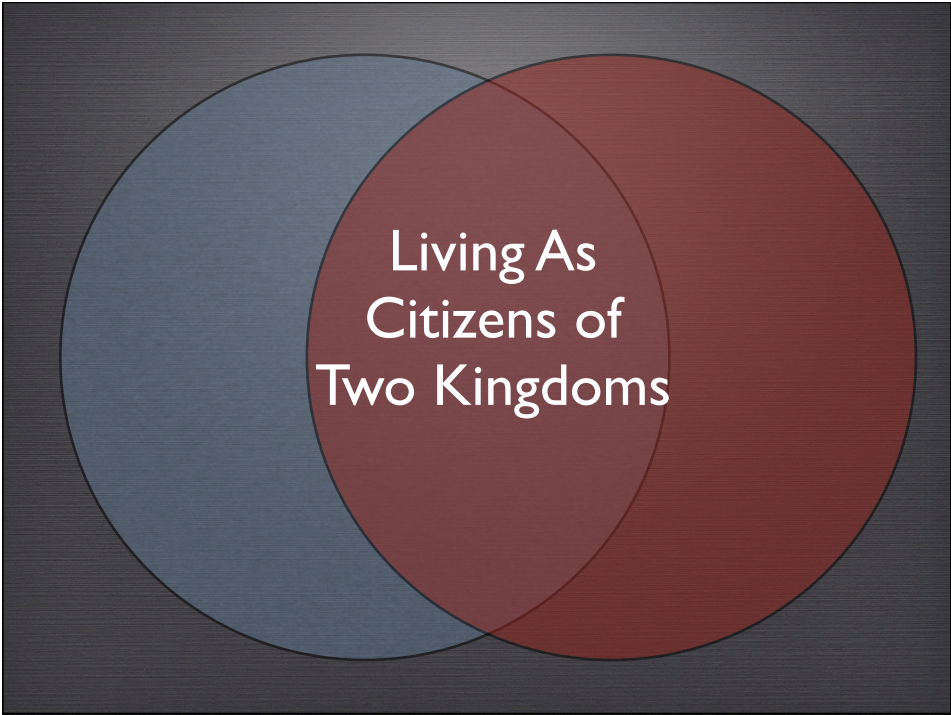
Genesis 2:15

Common
Kingdom
(Noah)

AFTER THE FALL - TWO DISTINCT KINGDOMS

Redemptive
Kingdom
(Abraham)

After the fall, God instituted a distinction between the common kingdom, the realm of common grace ruled through general revelation, and the redemptive kingdom, the realm of saving grace ruled through special revelation.



- Remember that the church is not a citizen of two kingdoms - individual believers are
- Remember that our primary loyalty is now to the redemptive kingdom - our true home
- The common kingdom is not redemptive - it is not the church, and does not do redemptive, church work
- When we do cultural work, we do it as sons of Adam
- Normally we base cultural work, arguments on general revelation (but we know truth from special revelation)

APPLYING THE WORD



Living As
Citizens of
Two Kingdoms

COMMUNION - FORETASTE OF THE
MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

