

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

## I. Intro – Review of Last Week

- A. Jesus stands in front of Pilate
- B. We expect Him to declare His authority over Pilate
- C. He declares 'My Kingdom not of this world'
- D. What? What does this mean?
- E. Why is it not of this world? Doesn't God rule all things?
- F. To understand - doctrine of two kingdoms (theme)
- G. Critical to understand relationship we have with culture

## II. The Two Kingdoms in Scripture

- A. The distinction of the two kingdoms
  - 1. Jesus' kingdom not of this world (Jn 18:36)
  - 2. Two kingdoms, two citizenships (Phil 3:20)
  - 3. A Kingdom of God and of world (Rev 11:15)
- B. One Ultimate Ruler, Two Kingdoms
  - 1. God has all authority (Matt 28:18)
  - 2. Earthly rules appointed by God (Jn 19:11; Rom 13:1)
  - 3. Two Kingdoms, but One Ultimate King!

## III. Two Kingdoms, Two Purposes

- A. The kingdom of man - preserving race, culture

- 1. Definition - all people, preservation, culture
- 2. Noah - Gen 9:1-2; 9:8-11 - preservation
- 3. Cain's line - Gen 4:20-22 - culture
- 4. God has not abandoned the original call for humans
- 5. All participate because they are created
- 6. Culture - what we make of world - still goes on
- B. The Kingdom of God - redeeming God's people
  - 1. Definition - God's people, redemption
  - 2. Seth - Gen 4:25-26
  - 3. Abraham - Gal 3:6-9 - faith; Gospel
  - 4. God covenanted to redeem those who believe
  - 5. Only believers participate - redeemed
- C. The relationship between the kingdoms
  - 1. Similarities
    - a. Both are ruled by God
    - b. Both bring glory to God
  - 2. Differences
    - a. Basis - creation, redemption
    - b. Participation - everyone, only believers
    - c. How glorify God - creation & culture; redemption
    - d. How ruled - more next time....

## IV. Applying the Word

A. Do we see the distinction between the two kingdoms in Scripture?

1. Don't just take my word - think about it!
2. Why is Jesus' kingdom not of this world?
3. Why will kingdom of world BECOME KOG?
4. This is the outworking of CFRC - consistently

B. Are we good citizens of kingdom of man?

1. Citizens of KOM by birth - creation
2. Different than being a good Christian
3. Atheists, Muslims, etc. can be good citizens of KOM
4. Am I preserving race by good works, helping?
5. Am I serving to improve culture - as a human?

C. Are we citizens of the Kingdom of God?

1. Not by birth - but by rebirth!
2. Not by creation - but by new creation!
3. Have we embraced the Gospel?
4. Do we see KOM will fade, but KOG is eternal

D. Communion - the Meal of the Kingdom of God

1. This is our holy meal
2. This is available only for believers

3. This reminds us of redemption

4. This points to consummation - eternity

5. Foreshadows when the two kingdoms will be reunited!

### A Tale of Two Kingdoms

John 18:33-36  
Psalm 104:24-34  
October 10, 2010  
Communion  
Psalm 134:3

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ... Philippians 3:20-21

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." Rev 11:15

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Matthew 28:18

Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." John 19:11

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Romans 13:1

The kingdom of man is the temporary realm comprised of all humans, believers and unbelievers, where God rules through general revelation and common grace for the preservation and flourishing of the human race and culture.

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. 2 The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. Genesis 9:1-2

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 9 "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you--the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you--every living creature on earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." Genesis 9:8-11

Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute. 22 Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah. Genesis 4:20-22

The kingdom of God is the eternal realm comprised of His people alone, where God rules through special revelation and saving grace for the redemption of His chosen people.

Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." 26 Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD. Genesis 4:25-26

Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." 7 Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. 8 The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." 9 So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

May the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion. Ps134:3