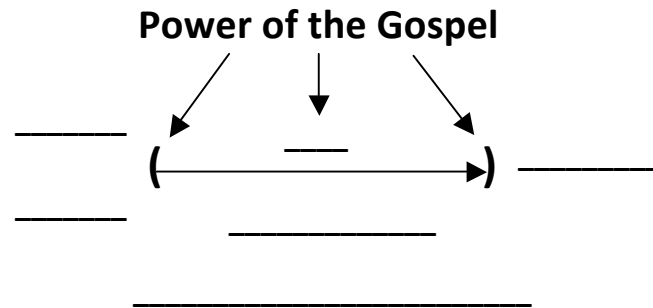


# Kingdom Conflict

Rethinking How to Live in the Parenthesis  
Part One

## The Workings of Kingdom Conflict

### I. A Diagram of the Kingdom Conflict Pattern



#### A. The gospel is powerful enough to **forgive all of our past sins** (Col 2:13).

(Colossians 2:13 ESV)<sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

#### B. The gospel is powerful enough to **assure us of eternal life** (John 3:16).

(John 3:16 ESV)<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

#### C. We question the gospel's power to change **today**.

### II. The Question of Kingdom Conflict (2 Peter 1:1-9 ESV)

#### **"Is the gospel effective for daily life?"**

2 Pe 1:1-9 (ESV) <sup>1</sup>Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

### III. The Results of "Gospel-less" Daily Living (2 Peter 1:8-9)

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