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Living at the Crossroads Michael W. Goheen 2008-11-01 A general introduction to Christian worldview.

Martin Luther's Understanding of God's Two Kingdoms William J. Wright 2010-01 A leading Reformation scholar historically reassesses the original breadth of Luther's theology of the two kingdoms and the cultural contexts from which it emerged. The Kingdom of God: Preached by Jesus... Forgotten by Us Wayne Barrett 2012-06-01 The Kingdom of God was the prevalent theme of Jesus' teaching and that of the apostles. And yet, it is not the prevalent theme of American Christianity. For many Christians, it is not even a strong concept. Why is that? And what are the implications of this conceptual deficiency? Wayne Barrett's book is a call for renewal of kingdom thinking and kingdom living among Christ's people—particularly those in America. He advocates for Christian living that is informed by a worldview of two kingdoms: the kingdom of God and the kingdom of this world. Topics include: What is the kingdom of God? Who is in it and who is excluded? How should the kingdom of God advance, and what does that advancement look like? How does a Christian discover his or her role in God's kingdom? Barrett also discusses how a Christian's own "script," relating to how one should live or even relating to one's church involvement, can prevent him or her from functioning as a kingdom citizen. The book is both a challenge and an appeal to American Christians to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Eternal Word Willem J. Ouwenel 2021-07-31 The set to which this volume belongs is informally entitled "The Eternal Series," because each volume of the set unfolds an aspect of the reality of God's relationship with humanity that reaches from eternity past to eternity future. The formal title of the series is "An Evangelical Introduction to Reformational Theology." Here are the volume titles: Part I: Scripture: The Revealed Source For Theology I/1 The Eternal Word: God Speaking To Us I/2 The Eternal Torah: Living Under God Part II: God: The Personal Source Behind Theology II/1 The Eternal God: God Revealing Himself To Us II/2 The Eternal Christ: God With Us II/3 The Eternal Spirit: God Living In Us Part III: Redemption: The Christ-Centered Heart of Theology III/1 The Eternal Purpose: Living In Christ III/2 Eternal Righteousness: Living Before God III/3 Eternal Salvation: Christ Dying For Us III/4 Eternal Life: Christ Living In Us Part IV: Consummation: The Lived Shape of Theology IV/1 The Eternal People: God in Relation To Israel IV/2 The Eternal Covenant: Living With God IV/3 The Eternal Kingdom: Living Under Christ Part V: Method: The Comprehensive Foundation of Theology V/1 Eternal Truth: The Prolegomena of Theology These volumes have been written for the informed Christian who is somewhat familiar with both the Bible and Christian theology. As you will learn in these volumes, that order-first Bible and then theology is crucially important. So too is the distinction (but not the separation!) between these two: the Bible is not theology, and theology is not the Bible. Both following that order and honoring that distinction are prerequisites for healthy, charitable, and enduring Christianity. Dr. Willem J. Ouwenel is a Dutch author whose three doctorates—one each in biology, philosophy, and theology—rank him among the premier Bible scholars of this generation, and equip him with breadth of vision and depth of insight. When these volumes are read alongside an open Bible, the patient reader will acknowledge the authority of the claims being defended. The reader's certitude will ultimately come to rest, not in any particular theological system or model, but in the inspired, infallible Word of God, and more importantly, in the God of that Word. As such, this entire series and these volumes are fresh and faithful reformulations of the essence of biblical faith and life as that was transmitted throughout the centuries, was rediscovered in the Reformation, and has come to be known as Reformational theology: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide, solus Christus, soli Deo gloria.

The Two Kingdoms W. Bradford Littlejohn 2017-04-11 What does it mean to live as citizens of this world and of the world-to-come? How can we render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's? In recent years, fresh controversy has erupted over these age-old questions, and especially over the meaning and relevance of the Reformation's "two-kingdoms" doctrine. At stake in such debates is not simply the shape of Christian politics, but the meaning of the church, the nature of human and divine authority, and the scope of Christian discipleship. In this concise guide, Reformation scholar and Christian ethicist Bradford Littlejohn first sketches the history of the doctrine and clears away common misunderstandings. He then shows that the two-kingdoms doctrine can offer a valuable framework for thinking about pastoring, politics, and even financial stewardship.

Both-And Rich Nathan 2013-08-26 Rich Nathan and Insoo Kim have got some good news for an either-or world. Walking you through seven impasses in the journey of faith—progress or orthodoxy? unity or diversity? justice or mercy?—the authors show why the life centered in Christ (the God-man) is life in the liberating reality of the both-and.

The Encyclopædia Britannica 1890

Cultural Engagement Timothy Keller 2013-09-03 Fruitful ministry in the century must embrace the unavoidable reality of the city. A Center Church theological vision affirms that center cities are wonderful, strategic, and underserved places for gospel ministry and recognizes that virtually all ministry contexts are increasingly shared by urban and global forces. Regardless of your particular cultural or geographical context, you will need to consider the city when forming a theological vision that engages the people you are trying to reach. This eBook contains the fifth part of Center Church, "Cultural Engagement." In it, Keller discusses four models for engaging urban culture, acknowledging that each model has strengths and weaknesses—ways in which it reflects a particular biblical emphasis and other ways in which it reflects an unbiblical imbalance or idol. The Center church model for cultural engagement blends the key insights of each model in a way that we believe is more biblically faithful and also fruitful for reaching urban culture.

Romans David Martyn Lloyd-Jones 2002 Christians have been brought, by faith in Christ, into the kingdom of God, but they are still citizens of an earthly kingdom. How does life in one kingdom connect with life in the other? Does obedience to God somehow exempt Christians from obedience to earthly rulers? And what of the vexed question of the relationship of church and state? Insisting that these questions have been of more than theoretical interest throughout church history and remain so today, Dr. Lloyd-Jones examines the function of government, the Christian's attitude to war and revolution, the lordship of Christ over church and state, the Christian's relationship to the law of God, the meaning of loving one's neighbour, and many related topics. All these matters are viewed in the light of the transience of earthly life and the coming of Christ in judgment. The heavenly perspective presented here is calculated to correct over-anxiety about the kingdoms of this world and to promote readiness for the 'day' that has yet to dawn.

Together Alone Ron Falconer 2004 Scott's adventurer Ron Falconer meets Anne, and with their two children, they go to live on tiny Caroline Atoll in the Pacific.

Living in God's Two Kingdoms David VanDrunen 2010-10-06 Modern movements such as neo-Calvinism, the New Perspective on Paul, and the emerging church have popularized a view of Christianity and culture that calls for the redemption of earthly society and institutions. Many Christians have reflexively embraced this view, enticed by the socially active and engaged faith it produces. Living in God's Two Kingdoms illustrates how a two-kingdoms model of Christianity and culture affirms much of what is compelling in these transformationist movements while remaining faithful to the whole counsel of Scripture. By focusing on God's response to each kingdom—his preservation of the civil society and his redemption of the spiritual kingdom—VanDrunen teaches readers how to live faithfully in each sphere. Highlighting vital biblical distinctions between honorable and holy tasks, VanDrunen's analysis will challenge Christians to be actively and critically engaged in the culture around them while retaining their identities as sojourners and exiles in this world.

God's Glory Alone Video Lectures David VanDrunen 2019-05-14 The Five Solas Series offers a look back to the five rallying cries of the Reformation—the five solas—while seeking to apply them in a fresh way to the contemporary church. In God's Glory Alone Video Lectures, renowned scholar David VanDrunen explores the majestic heart of Christian faith and life.

Politics after Christendom David VanDrunen 2020-04-21 For more than a millennium, beginning in the early Middle Ages, most Western Christians lived in societies that sought to be comprehensively Christian—ecclesiastically, economically, legally, and politically. That is to say, most Western Christians lived in Christendom. But in a gradual process beginning a few hundred years ago, Christendom weakened and finally crumbled. Today, most Christians in the world live in pluralistic political communities. And Christians themselves have very different opinions about what to make of the demise of Christendom and how to understand their status and responsibilities in a post-Christendom world. Politics After Christendom argues that Scripture leaves Christians well-equipped for living in a world such as this. Scripture gives no indication that Christians should strive to establish some version of Christendom. Instead, it prepares them to live in societies that are indifferent or hostile to Christianity, societies in which believers must live faithful lives as sojourners and exiles. Politics After Christendom explains what Scripture teaches about political community and about Christians' responsibilities within their own communities. As it pursues this task, Politics After Christendom makes use of several important theological ideas that Christian thinkers have developed over the centuries. These ideas include Augustine's Two-Cities concept, the Reformation Two-Kingdoms category, natural law, and a theology of the biblical covenants. Politics After Christendom brings these ideas together in a distinctive way to present a model for Christian political engagement. In doing so, it interacts with many important thinkers, including older theologians (e.g., Augustine, Aquinas, and Calvin), recent secular political theorists (e.g., Rawls, Hayek, and Dworkin), contemporary political-theologians (e.g., Hauerwas, O'Donovan, and Wolterstorff), and contemporary Christian cultural commentators (e.g., MacIntyre, Hunter, and Dreher). Part 1 presents a political theology through a careful study of the biblical story, giving special attention to the covenants God has established with his creation and how these covenants inform a proper view of political community. Part 1 argues that civil governments are legitimate but penultimate, and common but not neutral. It concludes that Christians should understand themselves as sojourners and exiles in their political communities. They ought to pursue justice, peace, and excellence in these communities, but remember that these communities are temporary and thus not confuse them with the everlasting kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians' ultimate citizenship is in this new-creation kingdom. Part 2 reflects on how the political theology developed in Part 1 provides Christians with a framework for thinking about perennial issues of political and legal theory. Part 2 does not set out a detailed public policy or promote a particular political ideology. Rather, it suggests how Christians might think about important social issues in a wise and theologically sound way, so that they might be better equipped to respond well to the specific controversies they face today. These issues include race, religious liberty, family, economics, justice, rights, authority, and civil resistance. After considering these matters, Part 2 concludes by reflecting on the classical liberal and conservative traditions, as well as recent challenges to them by nationalist and progressivist movements.

Subversive Kingdom Ed Stetzer 2011-10-01 The world we live in has rebelled against its Creator. But God sent His Son to break into our dark, rebellious world with the light of His kingdom. He starts a new rebellion against the rebellious world to bring about complete restoration of everything. The rebels that belong to God's mission are His people, His church. They are called to manifest the light of the kingdom and to advance the agenda of the kingdom. But how well do individual believers and churches understand what that really means? How well do they understand their role in the revolution that God started for His kingdom? Ed Stetzer's Subversive Kingdom is an accessible exploration into the biblical nature of the kingdom, an attainable theological framework of the kingdom, and a practical instruction for living out of the kingdom. He provides new insights and actionable ideas to those who are seeking to live right here and now according to kingdom values. Strongly emphasizing how the kingdom of God changes everything in a believer's life, the book engages the Christian's mind and heart with the doctrine of God's kingdom as it pertains to living fully in our relationship with Christ and engaging his mission on earth. Explore, advance, and live out the gospel in the subversive kingdom.

The Encyclopædia Britannica Thomas Spencer Baynes 1891

Natural Law and the Two Kingdoms David VanDrunen 2010 Conventional scholarship holds that the theology and social ethics of the Reformed tradition stand at odds with concepts of natural law and the two kingdoms. But David VanDrunen here challenges that status quo through his careful, thoroughgoing exploration of the development of Reformed social thought from the Reformation to the present. - from publisher description.

Two Kingdoms and Two Cities Robert C. Crouse 2017-07-15 The recent emergence of "two kingdoms" and "two cities" approaches to Christian social thinking are shown to have a key—and often unacknowledged—connection to Luther's reshaping of the Augustinian paradigm. The project works for a better understanding of Luther's own thought to help understand the convergences and divergences of Christian political theology in the twentieth century and today. In particular, Luther's two-kingdom thinking issued forth in a strong distinction of law and gospel that was also worked out in twofold pairs of Israel and church, general and special revelation, creation and redemption, and especially the outward and inward life. The work traces this legacy through acceptance and modification by Niebuhr and Bonhoeffer, Lutheran and Catholic neoconservatives, Reformed two-kingdom proponents, Augustinian liberals, and finally Oliver O'Donovan. The conclusion reflects on both the historical narrative and its connection to an account of modern liberalism, as well as a theological reflection on hermeneutical decisions of the "twoness" of Christian theology.

The Eternal People Willem J. Ouwenel 2022-07 The set to which this volume belongs is informally entitled "The Eternal Series," because each volume of the set unfolds an aspect of the reality of God's relationship with humanity that reaches from eternity past to eternity future. The formal title of the series is "An Evangelical Introduction to Reformational Theology." Here are the volume titles: Part I: Scripture: The Revealed Source For Theology I/1 The Eternal Word: God Speaking To Us I/2 The Eternal Torah: Living Under God Part II: God: The Personal Source Behind Theology II/1 The Eternal God: God Revealing Himself To Us II/2 The Eternal Christ: God With Us II/3 The Eternal Spirit: God Living In Us Part III: Redemption: The Christ-Centered Heart of Theology III/1 The Eternal Purpose: Living In Christ III/2 Eternal Righteousness: Living Before God III/3 Eternal Salvation: Christ Dying For Us III/4 Eternal Life: Christ Living In Us Part IV: Consummation: The Lived Shape of Theology IV/1 The Eternal People: God in Relation To Israel IV/2 The Eternal Covenant: Living With God IV/3 The Eternal Kingdom: Living Under Christ Part V: Method: The Comprehensive Foundation of Theology V/1 Eternal Truth: The Prolegomena of Theology These volumes have been written for the informed Christian who is somewhat familiar with both the Bible and Christian theology. As you will learn in these volumes, that order-first Bible and then theology is crucially important. So too is the distinction (but not the separation!) between these two: the Bible is not theology, and theology is not the Bible. Both following that order and honoring that distinction are prerequisites for healthy, charitable, and enduring Christianity. Dr. Willem J. Ouwenel is a Dutch author whose three doctorates—one each in biology, philosophy, and theology—rank him among the premier Bible scholars of this generation, and equip him with breadth of vision and depth of insight. When these volumes are read alongside an open Bible, the patient reader will acknowledge the authority of the claims being defended. The reader's certitude will ultimately come to rest, not in any particular theological system or model, but in the inspired, infallible Word of God, and more importantly, in the God of that Word. As such, this entire series and these volumes are fresh and faithful reformulations of the essence of biblical faith and life as that was transmitted throughout the centuries, was rediscovered in the Reformation, and has come to be known as Reformational theology: sola Scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide, solus Christus, soli Deo gloria.

Living the Sermon on the Mount Glen H. Stassen 2014-12-11 In Living the Sermon on the Mount, theologian and award-winning author Glen H. Stassen helps us to see that the revolutionary ideas in the Sermon on the Mount about loving and caring for each other, living in peace, and acting justly are not unattainable ideals but a recipe for wholeness and healing in our human relationships and deliverance from the vicious cycles that we get stuck in.

The World as It Should Be Gregory F. Pierce 2010-01-01 The World as It Should Be offers a fresh perspective on the kingdom of God and how we can be an integral part of God's work in this world.

Law and the Bible Robert F. Cochran 2013-09-01 The Bible is full of law. Yet too often, Christians either pick and choose verses out of context to bolster existing positions, or assume that any moral judgment the Bible expresses should become the law of the land. Law and the Bible asks: What inspired light does the Bible shed on Christians' participation in contemporary legal systems? It concludes that more often than not the Bible overturns our faulty assumptions and skewed commitments rather than bolsters them. In the process, God gives us greater insight into what all of life, including law, should be. Each chapter is cowritten by a legal professional and a theologian, and focuses on a key aspect of the biblical witness concerning civil or positive law—that is, law that human societies create to order their communities, implementing and enforcing it through civil government. A foundational text for legal professionals, law and prelaw students, and all who want to think in a faithfully Christian way about law and their relationship to it.

Living in God's Kingdom: Leader's Guide Arlene Friesen 2016-03-16 This is a companion book to Living in God's Kingdom: a practical study guide on the Christian life. This guide is intended to give you suggestions for discussion and further study. You may also use the discussion questions in the chapters to dig deeper. The format of the chapters allows for a 6-week class, covering the basic truths in each chapter. If you plan to teach the course in 6 weeks, focus on the chapter summaries and headings. If you wish to take more time, each chapter is subdivided into two topics (e.g., Chapter 1 – God Revealed and Listening to God), facilitating a 12-week class.

One Lord, Two Hands? Matthew C. Harrison 2021 "This collection of essays serves as a sourcebook of significant writings on the reception and use of the theology of the two kingdoms. The Lutheran teaching of the two kingdoms, in one way or another, touches on every article of faith from creation to eschatology. It is critical to vocation, as the Christian navigates life as a citizen of this world while simultaneously a citizen of the heavenly kingdom through faith in Christ Jesus. Without the distinction between the two kingdoms, faith is misplaced, and the neighbor is deprived of the love owed him or her. Pastors, church leaders, teachers, and theology students will find in these essays a respect for Luther's confession of God's two kingdoms

and a desire to see it fruitfully utilized in addressing the issues we now encounter in the world--

Free in Deed Craig L. Nesson 2022-01-11 Free in Deed serves as a primer in Lutheran ethics for faith and the church as the body of Christ. It captures the fruit of Craig L. Nesson's teaching of ethics and his research and reflection on Christian ethical existence over his entire career. The heart of Lutheran ethics, Nesson claims, involves serving neighbors. When Christ sets us "free indeed" (John 8:36), we are set free to serve others "in deed." Ethics involves intentional and disciplined reflection, together in community, on the choices we must make in living out our lives in the world. While the focus on loving the neighbor is not unique to Lutheran ethics, the author contends in this book that it is the most distinctive feature of ethics in the Lutheran perspective. To that end, Nesson explores biblical authority and Lutheran hermeneutics alongside the authority of the traditional elements of tradition, reason, and experience. He moves on to explore what gospel freedom looks like in the current American context. Nesson acknowledges the misinterpretation of Luther's two-kingdoms teaching, opting to describe Luther's two kingdoms as God's two strategies to bring forth the kingdom (shalom) of God. Also addressed are the themes of justification and sanctification, the vocation of the universal priesthood, the ethics of the cross, Lutheran ethics and political advocacy, and the ethics of forgiveness. The book is accessibly written with theology students, pastors, and interested lay readers in mind.

Grace Rules Steve McVey 1998-07-01 Are you "living by the rules," or are you letting God's grace rule you? There's a big difference between the two. If you're living for God—living by the rules—you'll always be exhausted. You'll feel that you're not doing enough for God and that if you don't "measure up," He will be displeased with you. But God never meant for the Christian life to be that way! His Love for us isn't based on how we perform for Him. He sent Christ to set us free from rules. He didn't call us to serve Him in our own feeble power, but to let His power flow through us—a power that is without limit! What's more, this power is already available to us right now. God has provided everything we need for a truly meaningful, joy-filled life here on earth...all because of His marvelous grace. Rest in God's grace, and let Him live through you. Find out how in Grace Rules.

The Kingdom of God in You Bill Winston 2010-05-04 Nationally known pastor, Bill Winston brings this powerful message of God's provision, healing, and more that is already resident in the believer and available to those who will seek God's direction. If the Kingdom of God is in us, why aren't we living lives of greatness in our world? Bill Winston recognizes that there are two kingdoms at work in this world, and tragically, even within the church, the majority of people are still living under the destructive lies and patterns of Satan's rule. They don't have the power and provisions of God - wisdom, understanding, peace, joy, health, abundant material provision, life-changing ministry, and so much more - because they simply have not recognized the kingdom in them. The promises of God rarely come from some outside sovereign work of God, but from the kingdom already inside. The pastor of one of America's fastest growing churches, Winston helps believers to start walking their faith out in miraculous ways. Why? We have a power within us that is supernatural and flies in the face of the world's arrogant - but ultimately inadequate - self-reliance on human understanding and effort. With the help of a child, even as small as a mustard seed, we unleash God's provision and power in our lives not by focusing on what we want, but by asking what the King of the Kingdom, God Almighty, wants us to accomplish. We quickly discover that our "grand dreams" and aspirations are minuscule in light of the greatness He has in store for us to do. This book is not for Christians who are complacent and desire the status quo. This is a soul-changing book that will turn the timid into the bold, and result in miracles that will build God's Kingdom right here and right now.

Eternal Torah: Living Under God Willem J. Ouwenel 2022-08-10 The set to which this volume belongs is informally entitled "The Eternal Series," because each volume of the set unfolds an aspect of the reality of God's relationship with humanity that reaches from eternity past to eternity future. The formal title of the series is "An Evangelical Introduction to Reformational Theology." Here are the volume titles: Part I: Scripture: The Revealed Source For Theology I/1 The Eternal Word: God Speaking To Us I/2 The Eternal Torah: Living Under God Part II: God: The Personal Source Behind Theology II/1 The Eternal God: God Revealing Himself To Us II/2 The Eternal Christ: God With Us II/3 The Eternal Spirit: God Living In Us Part III: Redemption: The Christ-Centered Heart of Theology III/1 The Eternal Purpose: Living In Christ III/2 Eternal Righteousness: Living Before God III/3 Eternal Salvation: Christ Dying For Us III/4 Eternal Life: Christ Living In Us Part IV: Consummation: The Lived Shape of Theology IV/1 The Eternal People: God in Relation To Israel IV/2 The Eternal Covenant: Living With God IV/3 The Eternal Kingdom: Living Under Christ Part V: Method: The Comprehensive Foundation of Theology V/1 Eternal Truth: The Prolegomena of Theology These volumes have been written for the informed Christian who is somewhat familiar with both the Bible and Christian theology. As you will learn more - because they simply have not recognized the kingdom in them. The promises of God rarely come from some outside sovereign work of God, but from the kingdom already inside. The pastor of one of America's fastest growing churches, Winston helps believers to start walking their faith out in miraculous ways. Why? We have a power within us that is supernatural and flies in the face of the world's arrogant - but ultimately inadequate - self-reliance on human understanding and effort. With the help of a child, even as small as a mustard seed, we unleash God's provision and power in our lives not by focusing on what we want, but by asking what the King of the Kingdom, God Almighty, wants us to accomplish. We quickly discover that our "grand dreams" and aspirations are minuscule in light of the greatness He has in store for us to do. This book is not for Christians who are complacent and desire the status quo. This is a soul-changing book that will turn the timid into the bold, and result in miracles that will build God's Kingdom right here and right now.

The Two Kingdoms Dr. Justin Ngambu Wanki 2022-08-10 The Two Kingdoms: Contenders of the Soul of Humankind By: Dr. Justin Ngambu Wanki The Two Kingdoms: Contenders of the Soul of Humankind relates to eternal salvation (Heaven) and damnation (Hell) and how the soul plays a central role in determining in which of the two kingdoms humankind ends up. God created humankind in His image and entrusted them with dominion. However, in the Garden of Eden the Devil cunningly sowed doubt in Adam and Eve-humankind's mind-and took them out of salvation when they failed to keep their faith in God. The mind was what stood between what God told them and what Satan made them believe. The mind appeals to thoughts, which are part of the soul. As a man thinketh in his heart (mind, soul), so is he. Curiously, Jesus-the last Adam-was sent back into the world to return the salvation and dominion taken away by Satan so that humankind can be saved again. However, every humankind is now inclined to undertake an individual action or response to the call of Jesus Christ. Anyone who puts his faith in Christ, will live a more fulfilling life on earth with the aid of the Holy Spirit who dwells within, and will end up in the eschatological kingdom of God.

Kingdom Living? Walking, Running, Fighting, Trusting, Praying Dr. George W. Mitchell 2013-10 We have a King. He is the personal, infinite God, who has created us and redeemed us through His Son, Jesus Christ. He has revealed truth to us. On the basis of what He has said, we are to live our lives as Kingdom people who are present, spiritual members of the Kingdom of God. Our Great King has given us commandments, statutes, testimonies, precepts, and promises. At the same time, He has given us His Spirit to live within us and empower us to live lives to please Him. His love for us and His power in us is beyond anything we could ever imagine or think. What are the things we are to do on a daily basis, to cause us to proceed through this life? The King has given His people a picture of a journey, a pilgrimage. We are to press forward in this life toward our high calling in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14). We do this by walking, running, fighting, trusting, and praying. What does each one of these action words look like in practice? This is what we want to examine in this book. We are going to take the position that someone else has paid a great price to reclaim us and to bring us back from our enslavement to sin and to set us free. Indeed, Jesus did pay it all, and all to Him we owe. Our King is our Savior and Lord, and our lives are to be spent to return His great and sacrificial love and to always live for His glory and honor.

Being and Belief Douglas Vickers 2013-01-30 The confession the church makes to the world sits oddly in the contemporary cultural complex. Intellectual fashions of ideas have moved beyond an accommodation of biblical-theological categories. Philosophy is unsure of its status in an amorphous postmodernism, and theology threatens to degenerate into intellectual experimentation. They have become mutually suspicious and hesitant of conversation. But a heavy fault lies with the church's own confessional status. For what is it the church has to say to the world? Has it preserved continuity with the Reformation theology that rediscovered its biblical foundations and liberated it from intellectual and confessional shackles? Has the church surrendered the possibility of relevance by having lost its own historic identity? And is it necessary to conclude, as a result, that contemporary culture is no longer penetrable by any word from the old wells of divine disclosure? In this brief but challenging book, Douglas Vickers brings the Christian confession to the forefront of consideration and reestablishes a theology grounded in historic verities sustained by the scriptural declarations. In straightforward and accessible terms, Being and Belief addresses the meaning of biblical truth for Christian understanding and Christian life.

God's Kingdom Jorge V. Pixley 1981 The Five Solas Series Pack Thomas R. Schreiner 2017-05-09 This pack includes all five books The Five Solas Series: Christ Alone, Faith Alone, God's Glory Alone, God's Word Alone, and Grace Alone. God's Glory Alone—The Majestic Heart of Christian Faith and Life David VanDrunen 2015-12-01 Renowned scholar David VanDrunen tracks the historical and biblical roots of the idea that all glory belongs exclusively to God. God's Glory Alone is a beautiful reflection on how commitment to God's glory alone fortifies us to live godly lives in this present age. Reinvigorating one of the five great declarations of the Reformation—soli Deo gloria—VanDrunen: Examines the development of this theme in the Reformation, in subsequent Reformed theology and confessions, and in contemporary theologians who continue to be inspired by the conviction that all glory belongs to God. Turns to the biblical story of God's glory, beginning with the pillar of cloud and fire revealed to Israel, continuing through the incarnation, death, and exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ, and culminating in Christ's Second Coming and the glorification of his people. Addresses several of today's great cultural challenges and temptations that attempt to draw us away from a God-centered instead of self-centered way of life. This book leads you into a renewed sense of awe and adoration for our Creator and Redeemer as it mines deeply into the biblical and theological truths about God's glory that stand at the center of the Christian faith. —THE FIVE SOLAS— Historians and theologians have long recognized that at the heart of the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation were five declarations, often referred to as the "solas." These five statements summarize much of what the Reformation was about, and they distinguish Protestantism from other expressions of the Christian faith: that they place ultimate and final authority in the Scriptures, acknowledge the work of Christ alone as sufficient for redemption, recognize that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and seek to do all things for God's glory. The Five Solas Series is more than a simple rehashing of these statements, but instead expounds upon the biblical reasoning behind them, leading to a more profound theological vision of our lives and callings as Christians and churches.

God's Kingdom through God's Covenants Peter J. Gentry 2015-08-31 The Bible records a number of covenants that God made with his people. However, rather than merely abstract ideas for theologians and scholars to study, the covenants in Scripture hold the key to understanding the Bible's overarching story and message. In God's Kingdom through God's Covenants, two world-class scholars offer readers an engaging snapshot of how God has chosen to lovingly relate to his people in history, tracing the significance of the concept of "covenant" through both the Old and New Testaments. Explaining the differences between covenant theology and dispensationalism while offering a thoughtful alternative to both, this book ultimately highlights the covenantal framework through which God has promised to remain faithful to his people.

The Real Narrow Path into the Hidden Kingdom of God Joseph Ho 2015-08-27 This book was birthed as a result of seeing many sincere Christians falling into heresy, myths, and fairy tales spun by irresponsible preachers who would speak anything in order to gain an audience through lies and deceit. The contents of this book are not fictional. They were all painstakingly tested and lived in order to test the doctrines learnt in the modern churches. This book is dedicated to help those who want to move in the Spirit of God, to be truly led by him and not by man-made rules and teachings, which have no power to manifest the presence of God in their walk. The author teaches how to hear from God and the main principles or laws in the kingdom of God that is true kingdom living. The author was ordained and called by God through three distinct verses given supernaturally by the Holy Spirit; these are Numbers 33:33, Job 33:33, and Ezekiel 33:33.

Living in Two Kingdoms David Adam 2009-03-01 "As a youngster," writes David Adam, "I always wanted to know more. I liked to climb the next hill and look around the next corner. My mother said I wanted to see the 'back of beyond.' I was never quite sure what she meant, but I was often aware of an otherness in the midst of what was plainly in view." David Adam believes that the kingdom of God is all around us—in the beauty and power of nature; in work and leisure; in the love we experience and offer to others. This book suggests that as we develop an awareness of the presence of heaven in each and every day, we will come to trust that death itself is nothing to fear. Illustrated with simple line drawings, Living in Two Kingdoms contains many personal stories, anecdotes, prayers, and exercises. Both visionary and engagingly down to earth, Living in Two Kingdoms helps us to recognize that the visible world of matter and the invisible world of spirit are not two worlds but one. We can be sure that whatever harsh reality we may have to face from time to time, the true reality is that we are never on our own. Because here and now—whatever it may feel like—we are truly part of the kingdom of God.

By the Grace of God All Things Become New Deborah O'Brien 2022-04-19 By the Grace of God will help you to comprehend how your choices have gotten you to where you are today. Life is full of never-ending choices; some big and some small. This book will help you see the error of your way thus far. The good news is it's NOT too late. You can begin to make right choices so you can turn things around little by little! EUR one small step at a time. There are two kinds of lives we can live in the here and now. It is up to each person to choose for themselves how they will live. As you read this book, I will explain the difference between the two kingdoms we must live in (there are only two choices) God or Satan. We must choose who we will serve, for our Creator has given mankind free will. At one point, I had enough and didn't care to go on. In that darkness, I knew there had to be more, and I began seeking and I found a better way, and one worth living. By the Lord's grace and mercy, I can help you take back what the devil has stolen from you, for God is no respecter of a person, what He has done for me, He will do for you, are you ready? By God's amazing grace you can find out for yourself how to come out of that sin, death, and diseased world you have been placed in. For God has made an escape for each person if they will make the right choice. God will adopt you as His child and transfer you out of the kingdom of darkness and into His kingdom of light, where He sits on the throne, and Jesus reigns as King. Out of God's fine design, He has made the way of escape, and come back into His loving arms of blessing and wholeness, this was made possible by his Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ. In case you are unaware as I was: Jesus willingly laid down His life to save everyone else, so we would be reconciled back to the Father for eternity and escape an eternity of being separated from our Creator forever. Again, it is a choice. But this is by far the most important EUR decision you will ever make. Choose to drink from the cup of the Lord, for that is the correct path. I can testify that God is faithful and a good, good Father.

Making All Things New Benjamin L. Gladd 2016-03-08 Many people think eschatology refers to events occurring at the end of history. In this book, two scholars with expertise in biblical eschatology argue that God's kingdom breaking into this world through Jesus Christ has inaugurated a new creation, a reality that should shape pastoral leadership and be reflected in the life and ministry of the church. Brief and accessibly written, this book articulates the practical implications of G. K. Beale's New Testament Biblical Theology and features an introductory chapter by Beale. Each chapter concludes with practical suggestions and a list of books for further study.

Eight Kingdoms Michael Pearl 2006-09-01 There are eight types of kingdoms mentioned in the Bible. Two of those kingdoms—the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven—constitute the central message of the New Testament. If all the text that speaks directly of these two kingdoms were removed from the New Testament, there wouldn't be enough left to fill up a single page in the newspaper. Yet the kingdom message is completely unknown by a large majority of ministers and their congregations all across this land. There has never been anything spoken so much, yet understood so little. The errors of reformed theology and Armenianism alike are rooted in a misunderstanding of the kingdoms. Most cults, and many of the denominational differences today, can be traced to a lack of understanding of the mystery of the kingdoms. The key to understanding the entire Bible is found in knowing the differences among the eight kingdoms, but especially these two—the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven. When readers finish reading this book, they will assuredly know the difference.

Sehnsucht nach Gott John Piper 2005

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