

NOTES for KOSMOS vs KINGDOM (κόσμος vs Βασίλειο)

1. World's values are not mine.
 - a. The world will act like the world.
 - b. We are not going to change the world or their opinion
 - c. We are strangers here (1 Peter 2:11-13)

1 Peter 2:11-13 English Standard Version (ESV)

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³ Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,

2. My values are to be biblical kingdom based
 - a. I am not to compromise
 - i. Not to compromise:
 1. Values
 2. Morality
 3. Definition of institutions:
 - a. Individual responsibility (including sexuality)
 - b. Marriage
 - c. Family
 - d. Government
 - e. Nations
 4. Created Reality
 - b. I am to cooperate
 - i. I am to cooperate with these human institutions
 - ii. I am to function in the kosmos
 - iii. I am to work for peace among men living in the kosmos
3. Sin
 - a. Correct response to sin is to confess sin
 - b. Failure is to redefine sin within a false reality as a virtue
 - i. No confession of sin
 - ii. Redefining of sin
 - iii. Acceptance, and even promotion, of sin
 - iv. Sin becomes a virtue...thus fulfilling:
 1. Deconstruction – The principle of the kosmos to deconstruct Truth, Reality, Institutions, etc.
 2. Darkness becoming the light; the light becoming darkness
4. Set you Free: Think of the USA as a pagan state in the kosmos instead of as the Christian nation. You will then be free from political bondage to a political party or worldly ideologies. You are a Christian living in a nation within the kosmos.
5. Love:
 - a. Do not Love the World (kosmos) – 1 John 2:15 – “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”
 - b. Love the Kingdom and the people of the kingdom – 1 John 4:20-21
6. Battle of Ideologies – Kosmos vs Kingdom
 - a. Do not sink into a battle within the kosmos:
 - i. Liberal vs Conservative

- ii. Republican vs Democrat
 - iii. Race vs Race
 - iv. Denomination vs Denomination
 - v. Nation vs Nation
 - b. All the powers and battles within the kosmos will lose to the kingdom
 - c. All of these will eventually reveal they:
 - i. Have absorbed the philosophy and ways of the kosmos
 - ii. Been absorbed into the kosmos
- 7. The church must align with the kingdom now before the light is gone
- 8. The time will come when the church that is aligned with the kosmos and compromised into the kosmos will have only the light (truth and error) of the kosmos as a guide and the ways of the kosmos to establish morality (right and wrong)
 - a. At that time the institution of the church will again be fighting against the kingdom of God.
 - b. At that time the institution of the church will be the enemy of the people of God.
 - c. At that time the institution of the church will be just like the kosmos
 - d. At that time the institution of the church will not be the same as the body of Christ, the church that Jesus said he would build that will not be overcome by the gates of Hades.