

I. Doctrinal Crisis

“Hope is the only thing stronger than fear.” - President Snow (Hunger Games)

- A. Hope or confidence in the coming of the king and the establishment of His kingdom is the great hope of christianity. This hope is to be so strongly held by the church and ingrained in her, that our souls are unshakably anchored when facing any and every fear, crisis, or disappointment of this fallen age. (Rom. 15:4-13; 1 Thes. 5:8; Heb. 6:9-20; 1 Pet. 1:13)

- B. The greatest hope in the Gospel, “the anchor for our soul”, is a doctrine that is mostly not known, misunderstood, and divided within the church. In light of the power and stability of the hope of the coming kingdom it is very concerning to me how many whole hearted believers have very little knowledge about or confidence in the doctrine of the kingdom.
 - 1. This lack of knowledge and grounding in the hope of the gospel has paved the way for an abundance of false doctrine or no doctrine at all concerning the establishment of the kingdom. I believe this is possibly the greatest doctrinal crisis of our day and has produced false hope in countless believers. (Pro. 13:12; Mat. 24:3-14; 2 Thes. 2:3)

“The greatest killer of the soul is false hope” - (St. Augustine)

II. Defining Terms

- A. Before we go on to address some of the concrete truths concerning the kingdom of God it is important to establish some terms that we will be using throughout this series. These are terms that are essential to all believers in order to correctly navigate the growing number of messages with these terms in them. These terms will be defined in general so be aware that each of them have nuances and some differences of belief within each term.
 - 1. **Kingdom of God** - The term “Kingdom of God is used to describe both the nature of God's heart (righteousness) and the nature of God's dwelling place (heaven). Both of these realities existed on earth together and humanity has been given a promise that these conditions will be restored in the age to come. (Mat. 12:28; Luke 17:20-21, 21:20-33; Acts. 1:1-8)

2. **Millennium** - The one thousand year reign of Jesus and His church primarily spoken of in the book of Revelation that restores the earth and fully cleanses it from sin, death, and curse. (Rev. 20:1-6)
 - a. Amillennialism - The belief that there is no literal one thousand year reign of Jesus physically on the earth. This position believes the thousand years are symbolic of totality and the reign of Jesus is a spiritual reality and happening through the church today. This position believes that Satan is currently bound and the church is the enforcer of the kingdom and the rule of Jesus. They generally view the book of Revelation as parabolic spiritual symbols of the battle of good and evil. (Also called A-Mil.)
 - b. Postmillennialism - This position is very similar to the “a-mil.” position the thousand years being symbolic of totality however they hold that the church will literally rule by eventually taking over all spheres of society and evangelizing the planet. This will usher in the physical return of Jesus.
 - c. Premillennialism - The belief that the thousand years is a literal and physical reign of Jesus and His church established upon His second coming.
3. **Seven Mountains of Society** - Seven spheres of society that are considered to be the foundational influencers and establishers of a culture.
 - a. They are Religion, Family, Education, Media, Entertainment, Business, and Government.

In 2020 Charlie Kirk said "*finally we have a president that understands the seven mountains of cultural influence*" during a speech at the CPAC national conference.

4. **Dominionism** - The belief that it is the duty of Christians to create a worldwide kingdom patterned after the old testament moral law. The principal goal of dominion theology is political and religious domination of the world through the implementation of the moral laws, and subsequent punishments, of the Old Testament (the sacrificial and ceremonial laws having been fulfilled in the New Testament). Once the world has been subdued by the moral law then Jesus will return.