

Reformed University Fellowship

How to Share Your Faith Conference

God's Kingdom and Its Mission

- I. The Creator and His Kingdom.
 - A. The story of William Penn.
 - B. The story of God. (Genesis 1:1-2, 24-31)
 - 1. Self-existent. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 90:2)
 - 2. Good. (Psalm 100:5; Genesis 1:4,31)
 - 3. Powerful. (Genesis 1:1-3; Psalm 29:1-5; 46:4-7)
 - C. The Story of Creation.
 - 1. God loves to create new things.
 - 2. All that he created was good.
 - 3. God ruled over the creation.
 - D. The Story of Man.
 - 1. Man was also created, but with a difference. (Psalm 8:3-5)

When you look at creation you see God's character reflected. When you look at man, this reflection is much clearer, stronger, and more detailed.
 - 2. Like all else, man was ruled by God; but man was made sub-ruler over all else, (Ps. 8:6-8).
 - 3. Consequently, man was given special instructions: Rule, and Fill. (Genesis 1:28)
 - Rule: Man reflects (imitates) God by ruling.
 - Fill: Man reflects (imitates) God by (pro) creating and filling the earth.
 - E. The Complete Kingdom
 - 1. King: God.
 - 2. Land: Whole earth.
 - 3. Subjects: All created beings.
 - 4. Law: Word of God (Commands of the King).
Special Words
 - Fill the Earth (Genesis 1:28)
 - Rule the Earth (Genesis 1:28)
 - Do not eat from one tree (Genesis 2:16-17)
 - (Later) Scripture
 - 5. Government: Monarchy, administered by Nobles (men).
 - 6. Mission (Purpose): Man should fill and rule the earth. (Genesis 1:28)
 - 7. Scripture tells us that this Kingdom was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).
 - 8. We would expect people to work hard caring for the earth, marry and establish families.

II. The Rebel Kingdom.

A. The Fall of Satan.

1. Angels are God's servants. They worship and obey him always.
2. Aspiration of Lucifer.
3. Result of Rebellion.
4. Retreat and New Strategy.

B. The Fall of Man.

1. Man's Rebellion.
 - Individual People.
 - Society.
2. Results of Rebellion.
 - Individual People.
 - Society.

C. The Nature of the Rebel Kingdom.

1. The Question of Master.
2. The Deception.
3. The Controlling Desire.
4. The Change of Law.
5. Effect on Society.

D. The Rebel Kingdom.

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| 1. King: | Satan. | Man. |
| 2. Land: | Wherever people rebel against God. | His own sphere of influence. |
| 3. Subjects: | All unbelievers. | Whoever he can control. |
| 4. Law: | Arbitrary decree of Satan. | Whim of the moment. |
| 5. Government: | Dictatorship. | Self-rule. |
| 6. Mission: | Destroy God and His creation. | Please self. |
| 7. | The land becomes filled with people who worship self and hate God, who please self and exploit others. | |
| 8. | People compel others to work hard to please them. They rape the earth for their pleasure. | |
| 9. | Everyone serves themselves. They are characterized by immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, arguments, divisions, drinking, and carousing. Consequently the whole earth is characterized by war, destruction and misery. | |

III. The Mission of God's Kingdom.

A. The Result of Rebellion.

1. The Law.
2. The Earth.
3. The Divine Mystery.

B. Jesus the Savior.

1. In the fulness of time, God sent Jesus to save his people.
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2. Not only did he rescue people from death, He restored the Kingdom that man destroyed.
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C. The New Kingdom. (Matthew 28:18-20)

1. King: Jesus (v. 18).
2. Land: Whole earth (v. 18).
3. Subjects: All created beings (v. 19).
4. Law: Word of God (Scripture) (v. 20).
5. Government: Monarchy, administered by Nobles (man).
 - Elders and deacons are special leaders in church.
 - Magistrates are special leaders in the state.
6. Establishment: Ascension of Jesus to Heavenly Throne. (Acts 1:9)
 - Partially now.
 - Fully when Jesus returns.
7. Mission: Godly men should fill and rule the earth. (Genesis 1:28)

D. How will this happen?

1. Christians faithfully fulfill God's commands.
 - Be fruitful and multiply.
 - Rear Godly children.
2. Go, preach, baptize people in all the earth. (Matthew 28:18-20)

E. The War of the Kingdom.

1. Satan is still warring against Christ and His people.
We are returning the favor. Our goal in this war is to rescue people from Satan's power and teach them to follow Christ.
2. Satan uses the weapons of lies, deceit, hatred, death, and destruction. We use our weapons: scripture and prayer.
3. We will win, but it will take a long time.
We do not know when Christ will return.
4. Now we must all do our part to preach the gospel to all the earth.