

Secular & Sacred – 2 Kingdoms Summary

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Question: How is the Christian to relate to the Secular world?

Secular-Sacred structure: the world is made up of two realms or spheres through God exercises His authority:

	<i>Kingdom of Man (KoM)</i>	<i>Kingdom of God (KoG)</i>
Area :	Secular, world under curse (Lk 4:5; Col 1:13)	Sacred, church under gospel (Mt 3:2; Jh 18:36)
Authority:	God (Rom 13:1)	God (1Co 3:16)
Administers:	Works Covenant (Rom 1:18-32)	Grace Covenant (Ezk 37:26)
Guards:	Common Grace (Ps 145:9)	Special Grace (Ac 20:32)
Governs:	Natural Law (10C's; Rom 2:14-15)	Moral Law (10C's; Lk 10:26-27)
Goal:	Retributive (Rom 13:1-5)	Redemptive (Col 1:13-14)

Mutual relationship: relationship of two kingdoms is mutual, with neither submissive to the other. (Three options)

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KoG / KoM	KoM / KoG	KoM : KoG
(KoG rules KoM)	(KoM rules KoG)	(KoM parallel with KoG)

Christian's relationship to KoM: five guiding principles.

- In/not of:** Christians are new beings, yet still in secular world (Jh 17:16-18).
- Dual Citizenship:** primary citizenship in KoG (1Pe 2:9). Secondary and valid citizenship in KoM (1Pt 2:13-14).
- Pilgrimage:** live life in this world in terms of pilgrim-calling to next world (Heb 11:14-16).
- Good Works:** called to be salt and light in KoM (Mt 5:16).
- Calling:** God ordains roles in which we function in both realms (1Co 7:20).

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