

CAUGHT IN THE CLASH OF KINGDOMS

2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1

The Promises God makes to his people are life changing. He provides the resources we need to live as a witness to His grace in our culture. He does not expect us to recoil from our culture but to be agents of transformation in it. He has promised... (vs. 16)

1. His PRESENCE – “I will live with them”
2. His INVOLVEMENT – “and walk among them”
3. His ALLEGIANCE – “I will be their God”
4. His OWNERSHIP – “they will be my people”

What are the issues we face as we try to receive and apply these promises?

I. A HIGH STANDARD (6:14)

- Avoid ‘double-harness’ relationships (see Deuteronomy 22:19; Leviticus 19:19)
- Avoid critical isolation (see 1 Corinthians 5:6-11; 1 John 2:15-17)
- Maintain a healthy tension

II. A CLASH OF KINGDOMS (6:14-16a)

	The VALUE	GOD’S KINGDOM	SATAN’S KINGDOM
(14a)	partnership	righteousness	wickedness
(14b)	fellowship	light	darkness
(15a)	harmony	Christ	Belial
(15b)	commonality	believer	unbeliever
(16)	agreement	Temple of God	idols

III. LIFE WITH A DIFFERENCE (6:17 – 7:1)

1. SEPARATION – “Therefore come out from them and be separate”
(not withdrawal as much as isolation and control)
2. SELF-DISCIPLINE – “Touch no unclean thing”
(not asceticism as much as discernment and control)
3. CLEANSING – “Let us purify ourselves from everything...”
(not cheap grace as much as repentance and change)
4. GROWTH – “perfecting holiness out of reverence for God”
(not perfection as much as process and progression)