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CHRISTIANITY IN CULTURE

Joining God in the Renewal of All Things

A SEMINAR WITH ED STETZER

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God's Plan A for Redeeming the World

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- The Pentateuch is the first five books of the Bible. Jesus gives five discourses.

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- God has always been King, and the Bible teaches that at the end of time all the kingdoms of the world will fully submit to the Kingdom of God in Christ.

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The seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven saying,

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom
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and he will reign forever and ever.
(Revelation 11:15)

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After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:14-15)

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After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7:9)

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...As the Father has sent me, I also send you...
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"Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to. Pray to the LORD on its behalf, for when it thrives, you will thrive." (Jeremiah 29:7)

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For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

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So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done for you. (John 13:14-15)

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This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has this world's goods and sees a fellow believer in need but withholds compassion from him—how does God's love reside in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth. (1 John 3:16-18)

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For judgment is without mercy to the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.
(James 2:13)

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Justice: "Social" or "Biblical"?

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Learn to do what is good.

Pursue justice.

Correct the oppressor.

Defend the rights of the fatherless.

Plead the widow's cause.

(Isaiah 1:17)

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Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne... (Psalm 89:14)

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