

"In the move from the old covenant to the new, the locus of the covenant people passed from the covenant-nation (Israel) to the international covenant-people (church). That inevitably raised questions about the relationships this people should have with the people around them who were not part of the new covenant."

- D.A. Carson

- 1. Conventional against culture.
- 2. Christ and Culture in Paradox.
- 3. Christ the Transformer of Culture
- 4. Christ above Culture
- 5. Christ of Culture

PSALM 2

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

The rebellious nations that will plot against the Lord and his Anointed will do so in <u>vain</u>.

PSALM 2

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, 6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

God reigns over a greater and authoritative kingdom that is on earth and in heaven.

PSALM 2

7 I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

God will one day send His Son to establish His worldwide rule.

PSALM 2

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Leaders of nations show great <u>wisdom</u> when they also serve the Lord.