Gospel Renewal
The Cultural Mandate
Genesis 1:28; 2:15-17, 19

I. Towards a definition of culture

II. Christ and culture

- A. Five options
  1. Christ against culture
  2. The Christ of culture
  3. Christ above culture
  4. Christ and culture in paradox
  5. Christ the transformer of culture
- B. The Biblical solution (Matthew 5:16-17; 28:18-20)

III. The cultural mandate

- A. Fill, subdue, rule (Genesis 1:28)
- B. Cultivation (Genesis 2:15)
- C. Preservation
- D. Community (Genesis 1:27; 2:18)

IV. The implications of the Fall

- A. Autonomy
- B. Thorns and thistles (Genesis 3:17-19)
- C. Structure and Direction

V. Cosmic redemption

- A. The scope
  1. Personal
  2. Creation (Romans 8:18-23)
- B. The means
  1. Common grace
  2. Special revelation
  3. Illumination of the Holy Spirit

VI. The Eschatan

- A. Continuity/Discontinuity (Revelation 21:24, 26; 2 Peter 3:10)
- B. Transformation
- C. The garden/the city