Towards a Biblical Worldview

OUR WORDLVIEWS ARE THE HABITS OF OUR MINDS, HEARTS AND WILLS

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Human knowledge: critical realism

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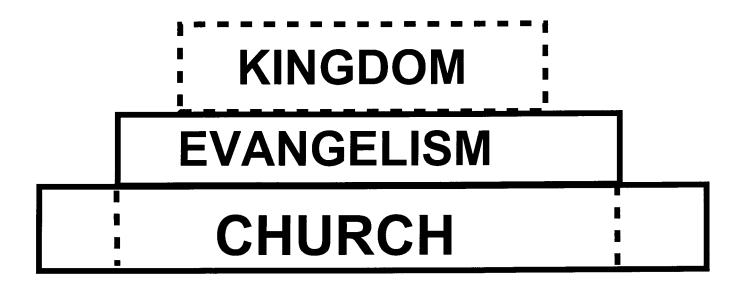
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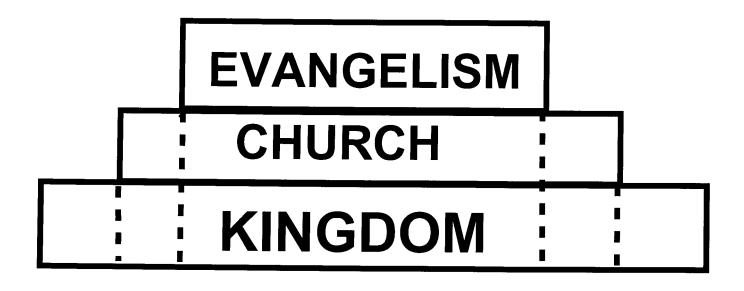
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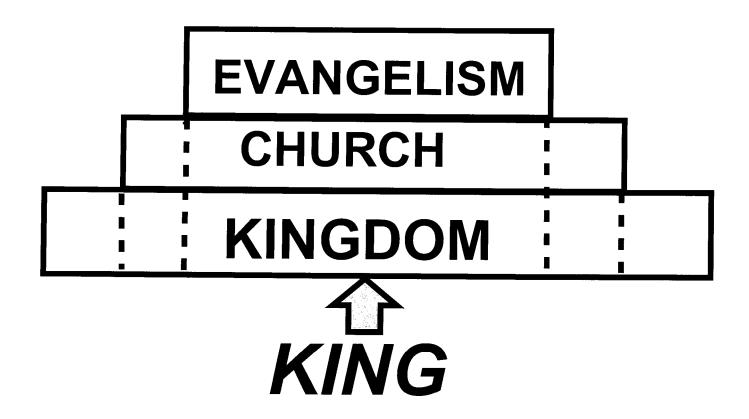
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- + strong ecclesiology
- + mission leading to indigenous churches
- weaker sense of evangelism
- weak view of the Kingdom of God



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- + churches as signs and witness to K.G.
- + evangelism inviting people into the K. G.
- the kingdom can be anything we make it



- + Kingdom defined by the King
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- 2. Beauty
- 3. Fruits of the Spirit
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