

Lord of Time

Three Years On

2025





The Intent of the Document

- Rediscover the Bible above truncated gospel presentations
- Revive our theological vocabulary without trying to modernize the medieval mind
- A renewed foundation in Jesus' own message as it was drawn from the OT



Impact: Heather

Sabbath Community microexpression in Colorado Springs



Impact: Tom Boone and Global Reach



Impact: Mark and Seminary

- The Flourish Institute of Theology continues the work of “Lord of Time” in class form and as required reading for other courses



Impact: Amy & Greg and the Academy

- Spreading beyond ECO
 - Wagenfuhr and Erickson, *Sabbath Gospel: A New Narrative of Time, Vocabulary, and the Work of the Church* (IVP Academic, forthcoming)



A Renewed Theological Foundation

- Church is in crisis because its theology is unlivable/arcane/settled body of doctrine
- World is in crisis as it works itself to death
- Sabbath connects space and time... transforming a heaven/earth/hell theology and one of being/essence/identity into one of *embodied relationships*.
- Sabbath reunites the OT and NT



A Renewed Theological Foundation

- Sabbath heals theological divisions
 - The sovereignty of God is the kingdom of God...
 - Thus, our mission is to be ambassadors among enemies
 - God does not rule... and that's because all creation is waiting for the church to show up as mature (Rom 8).
 - God elects people for maturity expressed in Christ



A Renewed Theological Foundation

- Sabbath Transforms Human Efforts
 - Redefines work
- Sabbath Transforms the Church and its mission
 - Reveal/Manifest the kingdom and kingship of God
 - Unite the message with the medium.
 - *Church is the sign of the kingdom.*



Transformation of Practices

- Sabbath is not about *what* we do/don't do.
- Sabbath is about *who* we work for.
- Spiritual disciplines and self-care is fine... but Sabbath is so much bigger than taking time off!

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Q&A

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