

## Christ and culture

Model	Possible Scripture verses	Example
<p><b>1. Christ against culture</b></p> <p>Total opt-out.</p>	<p><i>"Come out from them and be separate...Touch no unclean thing". (2 Corinthians 6:17)</i></p> <p><i>"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)</i></p>	<p><b>Tertullian (160-220)</b></p> <p><i>"no Christian could actually take part in the affairs of pagan society"</i></p>
<p><b>2. Christ of culture</b></p> <p>Total opt-in.</p>	<p><i>"I have become all things to all men". (1 Corinthians 9:22)</i></p>	<p><b>Gnostics</b></p> <p>Marcion (85-160) 19th century protestant liberals</p>
<p><b>3. Christ above culture: synthesist type</b></p> <p>Christ is over all. Everything is ordered under God. All is under God's eternal law.</p>	<p><i>"...we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5)</i></p> <p><i>"...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." (Philippians 2:10)</i></p> <p><i>"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." (Romans 13:1)</i></p>	<p><b>Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)</b></p> <p>Clement of Alexandria (150-215)</p>
<p><b>4. Christ above culture: The paradox or dualist type</b></p> <p>Keep the tension between 'now' and 'not yet'. All lawful work has dignity. Enjoy and give thanks for the good things in God's world.</p>	<p><i>"For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come." (Hebrews 13:14)</i></p> <p>Romans 13:1 (as above)</p> <p><i>"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20)</i></p> <p><i>"God ... richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment". (1 Timothy 6:17)</i></p>	<p><b>Martin Luther (1483-1546)</b></p>
<p><b>5. Christ above culture: the transformationalist or conversionist type</b></p> <p>As above plus: Change what you can, to God's glory.</p>	<p>As above plus: <i>"You are the salt of the earth; ... You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13,14)</i></p> <p><i>"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works..." (Ephesians 2:10)</i></p> <p><i>"And whatever you do...do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." (Colossians 3:17)</i></p> <p><i>"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work". (1 John 3:8b)</i></p>	<p><b>John Calvin (1509-1564)</b></p> <p>Augustine (354-430) John Wesley (1703-1791) Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920)</p>