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**BS 6005 CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM**  
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# ***Exiles: The Church in the Shadow of Empire***

## ***(Church in the Shadow of Empire, 2)***

A thoughtful exploration of the intersection of faith and politics, *Exiles* asks: What if we considered ourselves “exiles in Babylon” and turned to Scripture, not political parties, to shape our most passionate values?

Politics are dividing our churches like never before. *New York Times*–bestselling author Dr. Preston M. Sprinkle reminds us that the first-century church was not an apolitical gathering, where Christians left their Roman politics at the door. It also wasn’t a place where Christians mounted a Roman flag next to—or above—a Christian one. Church was a place where God’s plan for governing the world was revealed, where one could witness what it means to follow the Creator’s design for human flourishing.

by [Dr. Preston M. Sprinkle](#)

**VIDEO:** Watch the YOUTUBE EXPEDITION 44 Citizens of the Kingdom Playlist

## ***Postcards from Babylon:***

### ***The Church In American Exile***

by [Brian Zahnd](#)

In his provocative book, *Postcards From Babylon*, Brian Zahnd challenges the reader to see and embrace a daring Jesus-centered Christianity that can again turn the world upside down."In a bold and daring articulation, Brian Zahnd has sketched a 'Theology of the Cross' for our time and place in the United States of the twenty-first century. He does so in a way that deeply resonates with the primal claims of evangelical theology.

## **ASSIGNMENTS BS 6005 CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM**

1. **OUTLINE:**  
The additional book by chapter, using the author’s outline, with each chapter heading displayed in Roman numerals, i.e., Chapter one, I, chapter two, II. etc., placing the subpoints as A, B, etc., then to 1, 2, etc., but no deeper, unless the book gives enumerated items.
2. **WATCH:** The x44 Youtube playlist (Go to youtube and search for “youtube expedition 44 theology Citizens of the Kingdom Playlist”)
3. **PRECIS:** write a book report on either book
  - a. Master: 3
  - b. Doctorate: 5
4. **PAPER:** write a paper, or make a 30-45 minute youtube video or preach and record a sermon or teaching series of at least three messages comparing and contrasting the content in the course and formulating your ministry/theological vision and worldview as it relates to your personal life and the calling of the church in this culture. Pages according to degree work per degree for book report requirement:
  - a. Master: 5
  - b. Doctorate: 8

## Course Overview

In this course we will be examining strategies for impacting our culture for the Kingdom of God. We will explore the role of the Church and the people of God within society and discern our calling in how to affect those around us for the Kingdom. We invite you to consider the view that Christians are exiles and aliens in this world and part of the Kingdom of God. This calls us to untangle ourselves from the systems of this world and live in a way that is set apart. The Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom is the only power that will transform people. Legislating morality and ethics will not change hearts. We are called to radical allegiance to God's Kingdom alone in this view because it is impossible to convert a culture that has already converted you. We are called to serve one master and not get involved in civilian affairs.

We must examine our paradigm and worldview through a kingdom perspective in order to live as Salt and Light in Babylon.

