

## Origin and Sovereignty

- Today's goal: to answer the question of the origin of technology and to understand God's role in technological innovations of yesterday, today, and up until he returns.
  - God is not only the \_\_\_\_\_ of technology, but he sovereignly \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### *What is Technology?*

- "...applied \_\_\_\_\_ and amplified \_\_\_\_\_..." – Tony Reinke
  - "techne" means "craft"
    - Technology is to take what has been \_\_\_\_\_ and systematize it – or make it available and accessible to all – for the sake of amplifying \_\_\_\_\_.

### *The Origin of Technology*

- Who is the one who is doing the "crafting" in technology?
  - Genesis 1:26-28; 2:7, 21-22
    - In this small snapshot of the creation narrative involving us, we see God making, creating, forming and building – each not only qualities he is exercising in \_\_\_\_\_ us, but qualities that he is embedding into us as his \_\_\_\_\_ bearers.
      - We have embedded within us the very quality of \_\_\_\_\_.
        - Technological innovation is not inherently \_\_\_\_\_, nor is it against God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Genesis 3 – *The Fall of Humanity*
  - Romans 5:12; 8:22
    - Although it is inherent within the image, the characteristic of creativity within us – along with every other way we are made in God's image – has been \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Technological innovation, like all things, will progress one of two directions – either with Christ in mind or without Christ in mind.

Which direction will determine whether or not technology is eternally meaningful.

### *The Sovereignty of God*

- **Group Work Assignment:** Read Genesis 4:1-22 and then identify the four technological innovators of this chapter and their specific innovations:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ who made \_\_\_\_\_
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    - Why is it significant that despite the sin of Cain and his lineage, God still brought the whole of technological innovation through his lineage?
      - The story of \_\_\_\_\_ is the story of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Isaiah 54:16-17
  - God fashions both the weapon and its wielder; the weapon smith and even the one who would use that weapon for evil.
    - God's will is not overthrown by \_\_\_\_\_. All things are subject to God such that even those who \_\_\_\_\_ him advance his purposes (cf. v. 17)
      - Technological innovation is not an \_\_\_\_\_ to God, but a catalyst for the accomplishing of His \_\_\_\_\_.

### *Takeaways*

- First, consider your relationship with technology.
  - Has it progressed with or without Christ?
- Second, trust that in, through and despite technology, God is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - "Mankind sought to dethrone God through construction technology in Babel. And mankind sought to dethrone God through metal technology at Calvary. But God hacked human tech, taking what was intended for evil and turning it for good – the redemption of His church." – Tony Reinke