

Amillennialism vs. Postmillennialism

Q: What are the fundamental differences between amil and postmil eschatology? Which do you agree with and what are the proof text that convince you?”?

Answer:

- Both Amillennialism and Postmillennialism are postmillennial eschatological positions (i.e. both believe that Jesus returns *after* the millennium, in contrast with premillennialism). They differ in that Amillennialism believes that the millennium includes the entire church age, while Postmillennialism anticipates a “Golden Age” when Christians and the church will conquer world culture, after which Christ will return.
- I hold the Amillennial position for these reasons:
 - The conditions described in Rev. 20:2-3 are the result of the first coming of Christ: “He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, So that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended.” (See also Rev. 12:7-11).
 - In Titus 2:13, Paul says we are “waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,” meaning that the next great redemptive event is the Second Coming, not a Golden Age.
 - Under Postmillennialism, Christians labor to spread godly culture and to politically conquer in pursuit of the Golden Age. But Jesus’ Great Commission does not command us to politics, cultural victory, etc., but to evangelism. This fits the Amil understanding of our age.
 - 2 Thess. 2:3-9 describes Christ returning not after the church has achieved cultural conquest but with the church afflicted under the Antichrist. Jesus returns not to receive the world from his church but to save his church from the world.