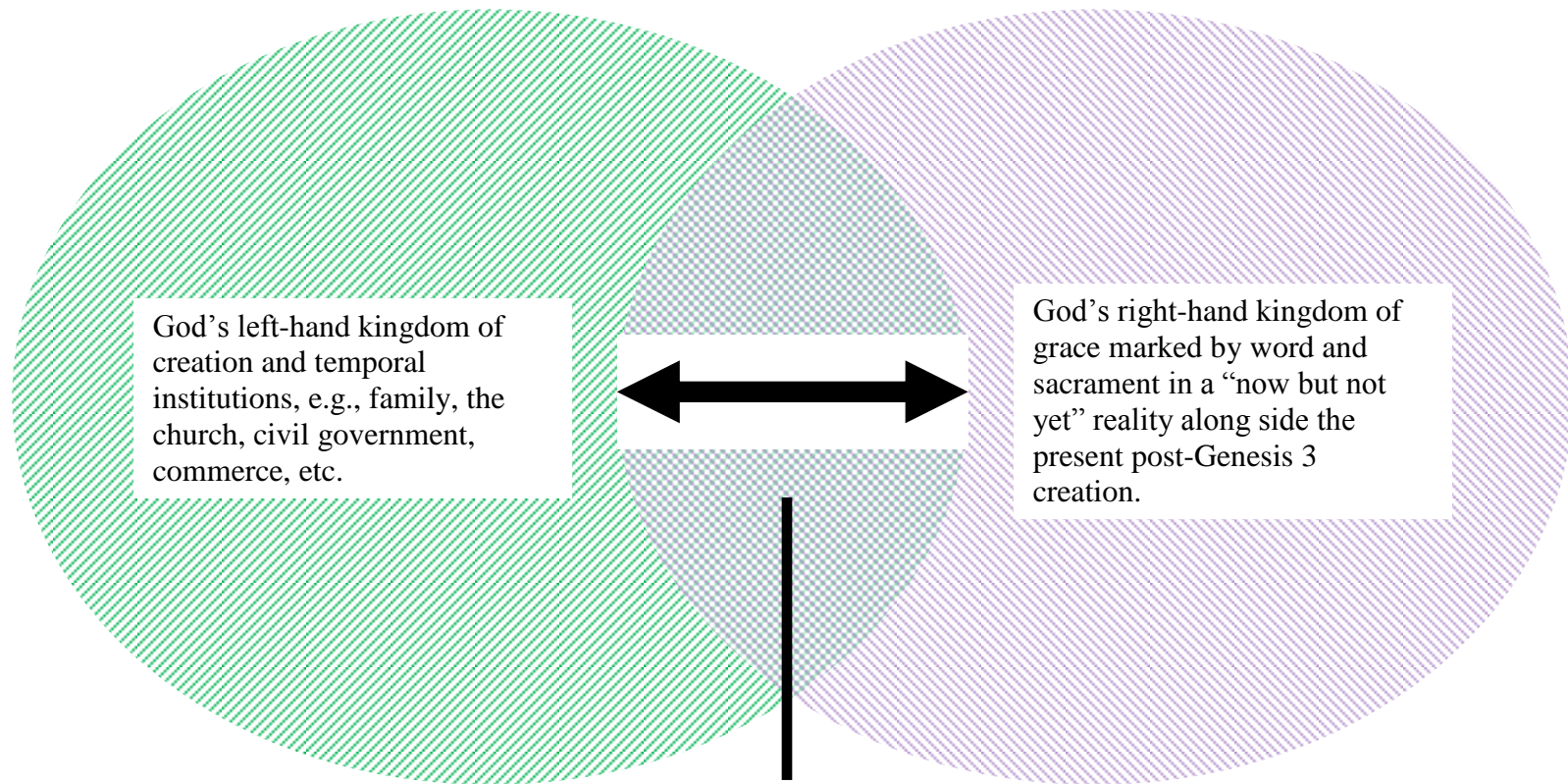


# A Two Kingdoms Venn Diagram



The life of the Christian as a "citizen" of both kingdoms (cf Rom 13:1ff and Phil 3:20) where we live out our call (L., *voco*, to call) from Christ to faith and to live out that faith (vocation) in family relationships, congregation, occupation, etc.

**Discussion:** A Venn diagram is helpful but limited. It helps us recognize and distinguish both of God's two kingdoms and consider the life of the Christian as a participant in both kingdoms. In an important way, the Christian person *is* the intersection of the two kingdoms because God's calling (*voco*) is to persons, not institutions. However, the Venn diagram creates a static pictorial whereas the interaction of the two kingdoms is, instead, dynamic and changing. The Venn diagram also tends to imply that God's right hand kingdom intersects with God's left-hand kingdom only in the personal life of the Christian, whereas the Bible and the church's history document many ways that the right-hand kingdom impacts and alters left-hand institutions. See the Arrows Diagram for a more robust pictorial of the two kingdoms functioning actively and dynamically in parallel.