

# THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

## Introduction

- 1) **2 Peter 1:11; 2:20; 3:2, 18** – “*Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*”
  - a) Familiar with the term “Savior,” but what about “Lord”?
- 2) “Lord” is used as a title of courtesy to a stranger (Jn. 12:21; 20:15; Acts 16:30)
- 3) Used by disciples and others of Jesus (Matt. 8:2, 25; Jn. 6:68; 13:13)
- 4) Took on special sense in preaching of the gospel after Jesus’ resurrection (Jn. 20:28; Acts 2:36; 10:36); we are to “receive Jesus Christ the Lord” (Col. 2:6)
- 5) Some in the denominational world have contended that one must accept Jesus as Savior to be saved, but it is *not* necessary to accept Jesus as Lord of your life (Lordship salvation vs. non-Lordship salvation controversy)
- 6) What does it mean that Jesus is “Lord”? Must we accept Jesus as Lord to be saved? What affect would/should this have on my life?

## I) **Meaning of “Lord”**

- A) Gk. *kurios* = “having power, authority; master, owner” (Vine’s Dictionary)
- B) Identifies one who has greater power and authority that must be submitted to by those under this authority or face the judgment of authority

## II) **Jesus as Lord**

- A) Jesus made Lord when exalted to the Father’s right hand (Acts 2:32-36)
- B) Jesus is Lord of all because He is ordained to be Judge of living and dead (Acts 10:42)
- C) One true Lord – Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 8:5-6); cannot serve two lords (Matt. 6:24)
  - 1) “God” and “Lord” used for both Father and Son (2 Pet. 1:1; Acts 4:24; 7:59)
- D) Jesus is the appointed Lord and Master today that all must answer to (2 Cor. 5:10-11)

## III) **The Lord Jesus and the Sinner**

- A) Must believe on the Lord Jesus (Acts 16:30-31); be submissive to His will
  - 1) Involves hearing and obeying the word of the Lord (vv. 32-33)
- B) Must confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus (Rom. 10:9-10)
- C) Must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16 – call on the name of the Lord)

## IV) **The Lord Jesus and the Christian**

- A) Must sanctify [set apart] Christ as Lord in our hearts (1 Pet. 3:15)
  - 1) Make Him the priority of our lives, most valuable, most important (Matt. 6:33)
- B) Receive and walk in Christ Jesus the Lord (Col. 2:6-7; 3:1-2, 17)
  - 1) Revealed directives for our lives (word or deed) are based on the authority of Lord Jesus; we are completely His and responsible to obey His will
  - 2) How can one contend that we do not have to submit to the will of the Lord Jesus to be judged righteous at the last day?

## V) **Denying the Lord Jesus**

- A) One can deny [repudiate, contradict] the Lord Jesus by teaching false doctrines and/or engaging in ungodly activities (2 Pet. 2:1, 20-21; Jude 4)
- B) One can avoid this by knowing the truth and faithfully following it (Jude 20-21)

## Conclusion

The **lordship of Jesus** calls upon us to submit in humble obedience to His will. All that we do in word or deed must be in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has the words of eternal life that teach truth and lead us in righteousness. Have you submitted to the Lord Jesus in every area of your life (Matt. 7:21; Lk. 6:46; Col. 3:17)?