

Honor to whom Honor

- “Show me the man you honor and I will know what kind of man you are” – Tho. Carlyle
- Honor: value, respect, show high regard for
  - About 70x in New Testament
- Plato: timocracy [timo·cracy]: government dominated by those who love honor and power or property. Cf. Timo·thy

- 1 Pt.2:17, Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king
  1. Fear God
  2. Love brotherhood
  - 3-4. Honor all people + honor the king

# I. Biblical Uses

# Honor

- Value, worth: set price on; high regard
  - 1 Co.6:20
- Respect
  - Parents: Mt:15:4
  - Christians: Ro.12:10
  - Officials: Ro.13:7
  - OT: Israel – Saul, 1 Sm.15:30

It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them – Mark Twain

I. Biblical Uses

II. Why Should We Honor Christ?

# 1. Father honors Him

- Jn.5:23 (*honor*: four times)
  - 23 explains 22: *just as* = same extent; in same manner
  - 16-18: He claims equality with God
  - 19-23: affirmed
  - Is John deluded? ...a fool? ...or a true witness?
    - Son entitled to same honor as Father...
    - Ph.2:10 ( = Is.45:23, *of Father*)

## 2. If we do not honor Christ, we do not honor the Father

- Jn.5:23
- Fathers are blessed through children
  - Abraham – Isaac
  - Pray for sick child...
- Father honored Son – 2 Pt.1:...17, For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”



### 3. He is our great God and Savior

- Tit.2:13, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ . . . .
- Granville Sharp rule
  - NOT: “the great God and the Savior”
  - BUT: “the great God and Savior”
- Pliny to Trajan: Christians met to sing hymns to Christ as God

## 4. He is our Creator

- Heb.1:2
- Inventions bring honor to inventors
  - Bell South
  - Ford
  - Light bulb...
  - Worlds ... God
- Hb.3:4, He Who built all things is God

## 5. His blood paid our ransom

1 Pt.1:19, (redeemed) “with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”

- “What Can Wash Away My Sins...”

## 6. He is worthy

Honor to Christ,  
Rv.5:8-14

Honor to Father,  
Rv.4:9-11

Ph.2<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

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# Basilica of National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida (Brazil)



# “St. Peter’s” Basilica, Rome





# Notre Dame, Paris



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5. Popular members. Lk.9:46 . . . 22:24
6. Large numbers. Ac.2

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**IV. How To Honor Christ**

# 1. Obey Him as Lord

Lk.9:51 . . . 19:28-32

1. Full obedience.
2. Costly obedience.
3. Voluntary obedience. Hb.5:8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him

1. Obey Him as Lord
2. **Worship Him as God**

Lk.19:36

We dishonor Him by . . .

1. **honoring men more.** Mt.27:20, But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barab-bas and destroy Jesus
2. **despising men**

1. Obey Him as Lord
2. Worship Him as God
3. **Serve Him as King**

Lk.19:38

- Unlike Solomon, He didn't bring horses from Egypt to bolster His pride.
- His tenderness shows in His having the donkey brought with her colt...

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3. Serve Him as King
4. Defend Him as Messiah

Lk.19

<sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

<sup>40</sup> But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”

Acts

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## 5. Honor Him with sincerity

1 Pt.3 . . . no one honors Him by . . .

1. Simply owning a Bible (15)
2. Living in worldliness (16)
3. Refusing to stand for truth (17)
4. Compromising truth to avoid persecution (18)

“Christ is not valued at all  
unless He be valued above all”