

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. The Word *Lord* Is From The Greek Word, κύριος (Kurios) Which Appears Over Six Hundred (600) Times In The New Testament.
 1. κύριος (Kurios) means "master, ruler, owner."
 2. A κύριος (Kurios) is one who has the right of ownership, power, and authority.
- B. The Word *Lord*, As Used In Scripture, Finds Its Most Significant Application To The Name Of Deity. (Luke 4:18 cf. 2:9)

II. AIM.

- A. To Show That God's Revealed Word Affirms The Fact That *Jesus Christ, The Son Of God, Is Lord.* (Acts 2:34 cf. Rev. 17:14)
- B. To Declare That Everyone Should Willingly Submit To *The Lordship Of Jesus Christ.*

"The Truth Is We Neither Live Nor Die As Self-contained Units. At Every Turn Life Links Us To The Lord, And When We Die We Come Face To Face With Him. In Life Or In Death We Are In The Hands Of The Lord. Christ Lived And Died That He Might Be The Lord In Both Life And Death." (Rom. 14:7-9. Phillips)

III. OUTLINE.

- A. THE CLAIM OF REVELATION: *JESUS IS LORD!*
 1. The Lordship of Christ was **PREDETERMINED**: *Jesus, as Lord was desired.* (Rom. 14:9 cf. 2 Tim. 4:1-2)
 - a. It is true that Jesus died as *Savior*, to deliver us from our past sins and their terrible consequences. (Gal. 1:4 cf. Rom. 6:23)

b. It is equally true that Jesus also died to be exalted, in the present, as *Lord* of our life! (Read again *Rom. 14:7-9* and *2 Cor. 5:14-17*)

2. The Lordship of Christ was PROCLAIMED: *Jesus, as Lord, was declared.* (*Acts 2:36* cf. *Rom. 1:4*)

a. *Jesus Christ* was proclaimed as *Lord* to Jews. (*Acts 2:36*)

b. *Jesus Christ* was proclaimed as *Lord* to Gentiles. (*Rom. 15:11; Eph. 3:1-11*)

NOTE: Jesus Christ is proclaimed as Lord to ALL. (*Acts 10:36*) (Also consider *Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-47; Acts 1:1-8* and *Col. 1:23*)

3. The Lordship of Christ is PRAISEWORTHY: *Jesus, as Lord, was deserved.* (*Phil. 2:5-11* cf. *Rom. 7:25*)

a. Worthy of praise because of His *condescension.* (*John 1:1-3, 14* cf. *17:4-5*)

b. Worthy of praise because of His *crucifixion.* (*Rom. 6:4; Rev. 5:1-10* cf. *Gal. 6:14*)

c. Worthy of praise because of His *continuous ministry.* (*Acts 13:30-39* cf. *Heb. 6:17-20; 7:25* and *Rev. 1:17-18*)

B. THE CRISIS OF RESPONSE: *JESUS IS LORD!*

1. To respond (or not respond) in UNRESERVED SUBMISSION. (*1 Pet. 3:15* cf. *Luke 14:25-33*)

2. To respond (or not respond) in UNDENIED OWNERSHIP. (*1 Cor. 6:19-20* cf. *Titus 2:11-14*)

3. To respond (or not respond) in UNSELFISH OBEDIENCE. (*Luke 6:46* cf. *Matt. 7:24-29* (see vs. 21-23); *Heb. 5:8-9*)

IV. CONCLUSION.

A. Consider The Varied Attitudes Of People Toward *Jesus The Lord.*

1. There are those who do not call Him Lord nor do the things that He says (e.g. the indifferent).
 2. There are those who call Him Lord and do not the things He says (e.g. the hypocrites).
 3. There are those who do not call Him Lord but do the things He says (e.g. the legalizers).
 4. Then there are those who both call Him Lord and do the things He says (e.g. the converted).
- B. Confessing Jesus Christ As Lord: A One-Word Expression Of Complete Commitment, Devotion, Service And Adoration.
1. *Jesus Lord, the absolute, undisputed owner and possessor of my life: "He" the Master and "I" the slave - all life long! (Rom. 10:9-10)*
 - a. He is second place to no one! (cf. Matt. 6:24;
 - b. He is second place to nothing! 12:30)
 2. *Jesus Lord, the absolute, undenied authority over my life: "He" the King and "I" the subject - all life long! (Col. 3:17)*
 3. *Jesus Lord, the absolute pledge and allegiance of my life: "He" the Lord of lords and "I" the devotee - all life long! (Phil. 2:11)*

"MY LORD and MY GOD." (John 20:28)

"Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him LORD OF ALL."

"You are not your own. Ye have been bought with a price."