

IS JESUS CHRIST YOUR LORD?

Philippians 2:5-11

Introduction: Many of our hymns depict the Lordship of Christ and we sing them frequently. Have you ever applied what you sing when singing those wonderful hymns?

- Is Jesus Christ, in truth, really the Lord of your life? No one can be committed, obedient and surrendered to Jesus until Jesus is publicly acknowledged as Master, Lord, and King.

- There are many names for Jesus in the Bible, the Word of God: Messiah, Shiloh, Water of Life, Bread of Life, Vine, Son of God, Son of Man, Redeemer, Rock, Rose of Sharon, Lilly of the Valley, Chief Cornerstone, Bright and Morning Star, Fairest of 10,000, Savior, Lord and many, many more.

- Lord appears 7,633 times, Savior appears 36 times, Jesus as Lord appears 736 times.

- Jesus is the only name used more than Lord in reference to Jesus.

Have you confessed Jesus as Lord?

- Are you committed to Him, obedient, sold out, turned over, following, seeking His guidance, doing His will, acting on His commands, doing His bidding with all your being?

- Is Jesus Christ number ONE in your life? Is He first? Does He have preeminence? Is He supreme? Have you acknowledged His rightful claim on you? Does He reign on the throne of your heart?

- What is the difference between Jesus being the Lord and being YOUR Lord? Jesus is Lord whether or not one accepts His Lordship over him/her.

I. IT HAS BEEN REVEALED TO MANKIND THAT JESUS IS LORD, MASTER, KING

1. From His very own lips, from prophecy, from the Bible, from the Holy Spirit
2. Jesus is Lord over all things including Heaven, Earth and beneath the earth, of all creation.

II. THE BIBLE REVEALS THE REALM OF JESUS' LORDSHIP

1. *Colossians 1:14* - Man's redemption
2. *Colossians 1:15-16* - Creator of all things (*John 1:1-3*)
3. *Colossians 1:18* - The Church (*Revelation 17:14*)
4. *Romans 14:11* - Every area of life

III. MANKIND'S RECOGNITION OF HIS LORDSHIP

1. There is no thing as "part" acknowledgement of Jesus' Lordship.
 - Jesus is Lord ONLY when every Fiber of our being follows His dictates.
2. Most will acknowledge Jesus being Lord of Creation, BUT then give lip service for His Lordship anywhere else.
 - In what areas of your life is Jesus Lord? How do you know that Jesus is Lord in any area?
Nor merely by saying or singing it?
3. What is there by which one can gauge his/her adherence to Jesus' Lordship?
 - By comparing oneself to Jesus? Randomly reading the Bible? Comparing one's self to others?

IV. HOW TO KNOW IF JESUS IS REALLY LORD OF YOUR LIFE EVER DAY

1. Do you obey the initial promptings of the Holy Spirit without hesitation or argument?
2. Are you committed to doing His will for your life even before you know what Jesus might require of you?
3. Are you available to serve Him without regard to time, space or any circumstances?
4. Do you recognize His ownership of your total life and all of your possessions and submit to His ownership?
5. Does pleasing Jesus exceed your desire to please others?
6. Do you look to Jesus as the source of ALL your needs and desires?
7. Are you turning your difficulties and failures into opportunities for spiritual growth? Not blaming God for the bad things that happen in your life, but look for the Good God has planned?
8. Is knowing Jesus, an obsession of your life? (*Ephesians 6:5*) If Jesus is One's Lord, then one does truly belong to the Lord Jesus. God gives us what He does ONLY in order for us to give it away for Him.

CONCLUSION:

1. Is Jesus Lord of your life as a Person?
2. How does Jesus become Lord? How do we transform a casual Christian life into a compassionate, concerned Christian life?
 - By the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
 - By the Word of God.
 - By the eight above mentioned points.
 - By starting to confess this very moment one's shortcomings.
3. It is not enough to call Jesus, "Lord." He is that whether one acknowledges it or not, whether one is committed and obedient to Him or not.
4. One will never please Jesus by calling Him by His divine titles UNTIL one's heart declares and one's actions show that Jesus is REALLY Lord of one's life.