

JESUS IS BOTH "LORD" AND "CHRIST"

Acts 2:32-36

Introduction: Peter demanded that those who had heard his sermon, bow to and acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was not in any way a change in God's plan, it announced the exaltation of Jesus Christ.

There is only one issue between God and man and that is the Lordship of Jesus Christ. All people will bow to and acknowledge Jesus either in this lifetime in repentance and faith or in the coming day of judgment.

I. HOW SIGNIFICANT IS JESUS' EXALTATION?

1. Jesus Christ upon the throne means that His work on earth is finished and complete.
 - The Old Testament priests never sat down, for their work was never finished.
 - There were no seats there to sit down on.
 - Jesus, as our High Priest, is seated in heaven, because His work is finished.
2. Jesus Christ upon the throne means that God the Father has accepted Jesus' work for salvation.
 - We have assurance that our sin is pardoned because Jesus Christ is SEATED.
3. Jesus Christ upon the throne means that God and people have been reconciled.
 - The debt for our sin has been fully paid.
 - God and people can now be in perfect harmony.
4. Jesus Christ upon the throne means that he is able to save fallen people.
 - He is able to save all who come to Him.
 - He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.
 - He is able to keep us from falling and present us holy and unblamable before God.

II. WHAT EXACTLY IS JESUS, SON OF GOD, DOING IN HEAVEN?

1. Jesus is enjoying the honor and dignity He won as our Mediator and the highest honor that heaven affords. He is King of kings and Lord of lords.
2. He is ruling this world in total sovereignty.
 - He rules all things and rules all things well.
3. He is making intercession for saved sinners, like us.
 - He pleads with the Father for salvation for believers.
4. he is a representative of God's elect - us - believers.
 - We shall share in Jesus' inheritance in heaven.

III. WHAT HAS THE EXALTED JESUS, REDEEMER, BEEN PROMISED?

1. God, the Father, promised His Son that He would make all His foes, His footstool.
2. God, the Father, promised His Son that he would save all His ransomed people (believers).
3. God, the Father, promised His Son that all creatures everywhere will bow before Him.

IV. WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

1. There is only one way to deal with an absolute power - God.
 - We must bow to Him and acknowledge His lordship over all things, especially us.
2. True faith involves surrender to the rule and dominion of Jesus Christ, WILLINGLY.
3. Where there is no surrender, there is no faith.

CONCLUSION:

1. The infant of Bethlehem is now the King of glory. The Man nailed to the cursed tree now sits upon the throne of universal dominion.,
2. Lifting hands, walking down the isle, kneeling at an altar or saying a "sinner's prayer" does not bring salvation.
3. Bowing to, trusting and acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord brings salvation.
4. Jesus Christ is seated now in Heaven as His work on earth is completed.
5. Jesus Christ is busy on behalf of all believers.
6. Every person will one day bow before Jesus and acknowledge His Lordship. Now is the time, not waiting until judgment day.