

# Living Under Christ's Lordship

Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord!

William Barclay has pointed out that "of all the titles of Jesus the title Lord became by far the most commonly used, widespread, and theologically important. It would hardly be going too far to say that the word Lord became a synonym for the name of Jesus."\*

What does Christ's lordship mean to you? What areas of your life are affected by His lordship. This sometimes neglected aspect of the Christian experience must be carefully considered by all men and women who want to be His disciples.

## **The Lord Jesus Christ**

1. Titles reveal important information about the person to whom they refer. What are Jesus Christ's titles in the following verses.

John 13:13

Acts 2:36

Revelation 19:16

2. How is the lordship of Christ acknowledged in Revelation 5:12

3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

a) How did you become God's possession?

b) Therefore, what should you do?

## **Acknowledge His Lordship by Decision**

4. What place should Christ hold in a believer's life? Colossians 1:18

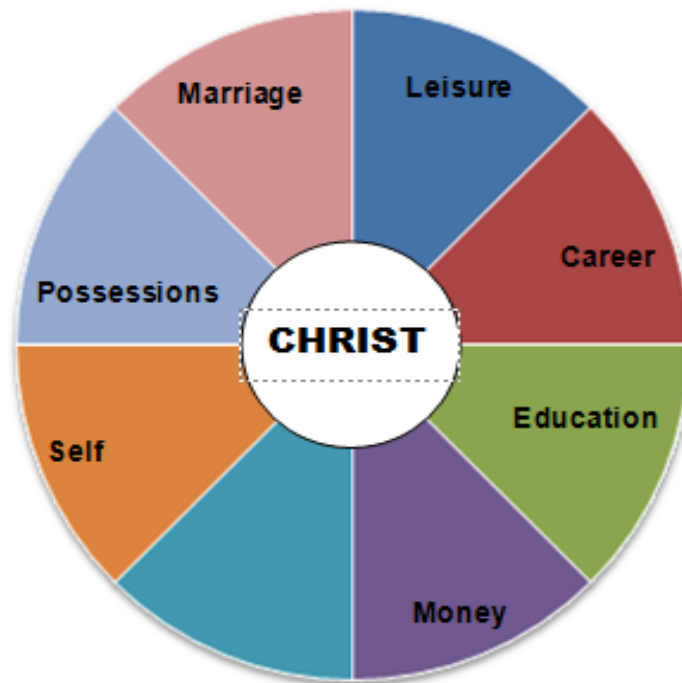
5. What are we commanded to do in Romans 12:1?

- Why should you do this?

\*From Jesus as They Saw Him by William Barclay. 1962 Harper & Row Publishers, Inc., New York

## **Acknowledge His Lordship in Practice**

6. Good intentions don't guarantee good results. A good start does not ensure a strong finish - decision is only the beginning. Once you have decided to acknowledge the lordship of Christ in your life, you will prove that He is Lord by submitting to Him hour by hour and obeying Him in the daily affairs of life. Some of these areas are represented in the following illustration.



Take a few minutes to evaluate your practice of the lordship of Jesus Christ. A good way to determine if Christ is in control of your life is to ask, "Am I willing to do whatever Christ desires in this area?" or "Will I be able to thank God for whatever may happen in this area?"

- a) Are there any areas in the illustration which you are not allowing Christ to control?
- b) Are there any other areas which you are not allowing Christ to control?
- c) What can you do in these areas to acknowledge Christ's lordship?

We should not be concerned about what we would do for the Lord if we only had more money, time, or education. Instead, we must decide what we will do with the things we have now. What really matters is not who or what we are, but whether Christ controls us.

7. Whenever you assume control of your life, you will soon become unhappy and anxious. What did Peter say you can do? 1 Peter 5:6-7

8. What three things is the person who decides to follow Christ to do?

- | <u>The Action to Take</u> | <u>What this means in your own words</u> |
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| 1.                        |  |
| 2.                        |  |
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9. Read Colossians 3:23-24. According to these verses what is a Christian told to do?

10. According to Luke 6:46, what is a good way to evaluate if Christ is truly Lord of your life?

## Summary

### **The Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ is declared to be Lord by God in the Scriptures. He is worthy to be Lord because of who He is, not merely because of what He has done.

### **Acknowledge His Lordship by Decision**

Although Jesus Christ is Lord, He does not hold a preeminent place in the heart of every believer. In order to enthrone Christ in his heart, the Christian must decide to present himself to Christ and to allow Him to reign over his life.

### **Acknowledge His Lordship in Practice**

Various areas of a believer's life may not be subject to the control of Christ. The Christian should submit these areas to Christ and continue to recognize that Christ's control of his life is for his own welfare and joy.

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