

Responding to Christ's Lordship

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I. Introduction.

- A. Losing one's life is compared to gaining the world. (Luke 9:23)
- B. Christ as Lord is a commitment.
- C. Salvation is once and for all and a moment in time. (John 1:12)
- D. It is individual. (Romans 3:23)

II. The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:1-3)

- A. Jesus conquered the last enemy, death. (Hebrews 2)
- B. All sins are paid for, and this is good news. Sin does not stand between you and God - it is unbelief. (John 3:16-18, 3:36, 1 Peter 3:18)

III. What Christ has accomplished for us.

- A. He saved us from the penalty of sin by dying for us. (Ephesians 1)
- B. He gives us power over sin by rising from the dead. (Romans 5:10)
 - 1. When the world gets in the Christian we have a problem. (Hebrews 7:25)
 - 2. He died that we might live, and we die that He might live.
 - 3. Jesus is the same always. (Hebrews 2:7, Matthew 11)
- C. He will save us from the presence of sin when he returns. (Philippians 3:20)

IV. Dealing with the power of sin.

- A. There is no respect of persons with God. (Colossians 3:21, Romans 2:11)
- B. Keeping Jesus as Lord is a daily matter. Pride is a problem. (Proverbs 13:10, Psalm 119:165, John 7:23, Revelation 3:20)
- C. You have a "will switch" and can make the right decisions. (Joshua 1:7-9, Job 7:13-15, Romans 6:17)

V. Love.

- A. Love is not something you fall into - it is a commandment. (John 13:35, 1 Corinthians 12, Mark 10:45, John 14:34-35)

B. Go the second mile and deny yourself. (Genesis 3:17, Proverbs 16:2, Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 14:12)

VI. Conclusion.

A. Either Christ is Lord or we are Lord. We not only give up wrongs, but rights. (Romans 6:16)

B. Put Christ first in everything in your life. (Matthew 6:24, John 12:24)

Application questions

1. What is the gospel and where can you find it clearly articulated in Scripture?

2. What does the gospel accomplish for believers in the past, present and future?

3. Why is making Christ Lord important for dealing with sin now? What areas of your life do you need to make a willful act of turning over to Jesus?
