

Jesus as **Lord** when he received Him as his Savior (**Luke 19:8**). The Lordship of Jesus Christ is not a secondary act after salvation. It is first, for it is the **Lord** who saves us when we surrender to Him.

*... which giveth us the victory through our **Lord** Jesus Christ.*

**I Cor. 15:57**

*And Thomas answered and said unto Him, my **Lord** and my God*

**John 20:28**

*And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is **Lord**,  
to the glory of God the Father.*

**Phil. 2:11**

*For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the **Lord**...*

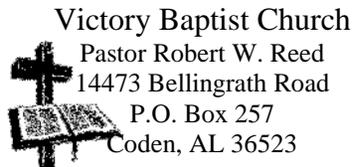
**II Cor. 4:5**

*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the **Lord**... Col. 2:6*

*... gave their own selves to the **Lord**... II Cor. 8:5*

*... King of Kings and **Lord** of Lords. Rev. 19:16*

Unscriptural soul winning tactics such as “one, two, three, repeat after me,” or “just pray this prayer and you are saved,” will make a person “two-fold more the child of hell.” These methods produce many false conversions, and give people a false sense of security and hope. This explains why so many today say they believe but are still lost. Churches spend more time on “follow-up” visits on these people, who say they are Christians, than they do on true discipleship. “Easy believism” causes a person to think they are going to Heaven when they are actually still bound for Hell, (**Luke 6:46-49, Matthew 7:21-23, 8:29, James 2:19, John 2:23-24, 8:31-37 and Acts 8:9-24**).



*“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*

**Acts 16:31**

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## OF GRACE

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"hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

## The Lordship of Jesus Christ “Jesus is Lord”

*... that God hath made that same Jesus whom  
ye have crucified both Lord and Christ.*

The Lordship of Jesus Christ is at the very center of Christianity for it separates those who belong to God from those who do not. Jesus Christ came into this world to be our Lord as well as our Savior. He is the Lord of His people and of His church.

**“If He is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.”**

**“Multitudes have just enough religion to make  
them miserable and carry them into hell.”**

## Introduction

The Bible declares that Jesus is **Lord**. God the Father and all New Testament writers declared Him to be Lord. Many Christians down through the centuries have testified to His Lordship at the cost of their own lives. I also believe in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**Lordship** means the position or authority of a lord. Please notice the Scriptural emphasis upon His Lordship. The word “Lord” is found over six hundred times in the New Testament, while the word Savior is found only 37 times in the entire Bible. Also, in every passage in the New Testament where these two titles occur together, it is Lord and Savior, never Savior and Lord.

## The Doctrine of His Lordship

According to **Acts 2:36**, God said that He made Jesus both **Lord** and Christ. This verse is a part of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. The apostle Peter preached the gospel to the Jews and proclaimed that Jesus is **Lord**. Even though the children of Israel had crucified Jesus Christ, they could be saved if they would now accept Him as their **Lord** and Savior, (**Acts 2:21** . . . *whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved* ). According to the context (**Acts 2:22-26**), Jesus Christ proved Himself to be **Lord** by His resurrection from the dead.

One of the strongest arguments for the Lordship of Jesus Christ is in **Romans 10:9**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the **Lord** Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* He is the object of faith and confession and without this truth, verse 13 would be meaningless. When someone receives Christ as their Savior, they have a new **Lord** and master. To confess Jesus as **Lord** means that we agree with all that the Bible has to say about Him.

One reason I believe in the Lordship of Christ is that He is the One who saves us. According to **Acts 20:28**, we are purchased with His own blood, and in I Corinthians **6:19-20**, we are bought with a price. Lordship is ownership. He owns those who are His, for they belong to Him. If you own something, you have control over it. Jesus Christ becomes the Savior of no one until He is received as **Lord**. He is

more than a fire escape out of Hell, He is our precious Lord and Savior. Salvation is in a person and not in a plan. He executes His authority as Lord in many ways: as Creator, Judge, Savior, Sustainer, etc.

## The Denial of His Lordship

The world does not recognize Jesus Christ as Lord or Savior. The lost do not submit to His Lordship. For example, in **Exodus 5:2**, Pharaoh said to Moses and Aaron . . . *who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice.* . . . When Adam and Eve sinned, the rule of God over their lives ended, and God lost man's allegiance to Him (**Genesis 3:5**). According to **Isaiah 53:6**, sin is a defiance against the Lordship of God.

The major objection the Jews had against Jesus was the doctrine of His Lordship (**John 2:18, 10:31-33**). To illustrate this, consider **Luke 19:14**, where the people said, . . . *we will not have this man to reign over us*, and **John 19:15**, . . . *the chief priests answered, we have no king but Caesar.* If you pay close attention in the gospels, you will notice that unbelievers such as the scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, publicans, rulers and lawyers had a difficult time ever calling Jesus Lord. But, after an individual was converted, they referred to Him as their Lord and Master. These included lepers, disciples, centurions, the blind, shepherds, and even Peter himself (**Matthew 16:22**). In most of the new translations of the Bible, the word Lord is changed or omitted over one hundred times when pertaining to Jesus Christ. This is another reason to keep your 1611 King James Bible.

## The Demonstration of His Lordship

According to Romans 14:8-9, the Lordship of Jesus Christ is very evident in all believers, both in life and death. We see His control and ownership even in the lives of those who are disobedient through chastisement (**Hebrews 12:5-14**). Please make a note of those who were truly converted and their submission to Him. In **Acts 9:5** and in **Acts 9:6**, when Saul of Tarsus was convicted by the Holy Spirit, he said, . . . *who art thou, Lord?*, . . . *Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?* The thief on the cross said in **Luke 23:42**, . . . *Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.* Also, Zacchaeus referred to