

Jesus is Lord Part II

I. Knowing Jesus as Lord is the only path to Forgiveness & Salvation.

Today there is an easy kind of "believism" that tells people to "just accept Christ" and you will be saved. This is not the teaching of Christ and the Apostles.

1. Not all believing is saving faith. See **John 2: 23-25**

Jesus knew the hearts of men, and therefore He did not "believe in their believing." Their faith was shallow & superficial.

2. Saving faith is more than cognitive. The Amplified Bible translates "believe" as "to cling to, trust in, rely upon, to yield to." The New Testament idea of faith or belief carries with it the volitional idea of commitment & trust.

3. The Holy Spirit enables you to trust in Jesus as Lord. See **1 Cor. 12:3** "no man can say Jesus is Lord except by the Spirit." See **1 Cor. 2:8-10** Thus, saving faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

II. The 1st evidence of His Lordship is the compelling desire to Worship Jesus.

We will "out of the heart" give Jesus the same devotion that the Jews gave to The Lord God Jehovah. Like Thomas in the upper room we'll bow down and cry out, "my Lord and my God!"

III. The 2nd evidence of His Lordship is we've learned a new word for worship= Love.

1. Jesus says to Peter, "*Peter do you love me?*" See **John 20:15ff**

See **John 13:34, 35** Thus, Love is the new birthmark of the follower of Jesus.

2. Feed my sheep= do those loving deeds of kindness that reflect Jesus to the world. See **James 1:27**

III. The 3rd evidence of His Lordship is my continued Obedience.

See **1 John 2:3, 4 & John 14:15 & 21**

Habitual sin reveals an area of rebellion against Lordship=When we habitually sin, we are quenching the Holy Spirit. **John 15:26, & John 16:14**

IV. The fourth evidence of His Lordship is being filled with the Holy Spirit. See **Gal. 5:22-24**

Being filled with the Spirit is to be controlled by the Spirit, and the Spirit that controls us is The Spirit of Jesus, the Lord. The 1st executive decision the Holy Spirit makes when you are filled is to make Jesus Lord of your heart & life!

Joy= is the flag flown high from the Castle of my heart when the King is in Residence there.

Summary & Application:

Moment by moment when Jesus is Lord, you will see it in your worship, loving others, and your continued obedience to Jesus your Lord. Your life is a "Lord what will you have me to do."

Do a Personal inventory:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you those things or areas in your life where Jesus does not rule, own or control.

2. Over a period of time begin a personal inventory= write it down on paper.

1) Areas of disobedience= sins of commission, & sins of omission See James 4:17

2) Areas of calling and resistance. He is trying to enlarge your territory, & influence.

3) Areas of "rights" or ownership, that are in dispute between you & Him.