

Only One Master

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I. Introduction.

- A. Being born again only takes place in the will. We must invite God to come in and take control of our lives.
- B. After receiving Jesus, everything does not become perfect, but there remains a calm. (Romans 8:29)
- C. Texts: John 13:13; Luke 6:46; Matthew 6:24.
- D. Life is short. (Ephesians 5:15-17)

II. What Lordship means.

- A. Lordship means giving Jesus pre-eminence, surrender, commitment and undivided loyalty.
- B. In very few Christians is Jesus pre-eminent.

III. Why Jesus should be Lord of my life.

- A. Jesus created us. (Colossians 1; John 1:3; Hebrews 1:2)
- B. Jesus redeemed us. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Ephesians 1:7)
- C. Jesus' own testimony. (John 13:13)
- D. Jesus has supreme power. (1 Peter 3:22; Matthew 28:18)
- E. God sad he had all power. (Acts 2:36)
- F. Jesus will have ultimate victory. (Ephesians 2:10-11)
- G. All human history will be consummated in Christ. (Ephesians 1:9-10)

IV. What keeps Jesus from being Lord of my life.

- A. A lack of trust.
- B. We do not believe he knows what is best for us. (Ephesians 1:8)
- C. Our surrender is incomplete. (2 Timothy 4:10; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Acts 5; 15:36-38; Luke 9:62)

V. Results of choosing the wrong master.

- A. Fellowship with God is broken.

B. Power has gone out of the life.

C. Joy is absent.

D. Uneasiness.

E. Fear.

F. Sense of guilt.

G. A lack of enthusiasm.

VI. Results of Jesus' Lordship in our lives.

A. Unspeakable joy. (Luke 11:36)

B. Satisfactory servanthood. (Romans 14:4)

C. A desire to please Jesus.

D. A bright reality of Christ living in you. (Galatians 2:20)

E. Power will be released from your life.

F. Daily deliverance. (Romans 5:10; Leviticus 26:13; Colossians 3:9-10)

G. A genuine zeal for God.

VII. Conclusion.

Application questions:

1. What does Jesus' Lordship look like in your current circumstances?

2. What needs to change in your life to reflect Jesus' Lordship?

3. How can you increase accountability for living for Jesus as Lord? Explain.
