

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Acts 2:36.

B. We must not fall into the trap of only preaching Christ as Savior. He is Lord.

C. The apostolic message was that Jesus Christ is risen and Jesus Christ is Lord.

D. The basic thrust of the Christian gospel is that Jesus is Lord--it is not about our needs. We are confronted with Jesus' Lordship.

II. Peter's thrust.

A. Every person ought to be a Christian because Jesus is Lord.

1. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies regarding the coming Messiah.

2. Jesus demonstrated that he was Lord by the life that he lived through signs and miracles. If Jesus was not Lord, he was either a crook or crank.

3. Jesus is Lord by the death he died.

4. Jesus is Lord because God raised him from he dead.

5. Jesus ascended into heaven.

6. Jesus sent forth the Holy Spirit.

III. The response.

A. Intellectual--they really heard the message.

B. Emotional--they were pricked to the heart.

C. Volitional--they asked what they should do.

1. They repented. This is a change of mind.

2. They had remission. They identified with Jesus and his resurrection.

3. They received the Spirit. The Spirit is the dynamic of all God's demands.

4. They root themselves out of the perverse generation.

Application questions:

1. How did Peter demonstrate that Jesus is Lord?

2. Why is a gospel that proclaims Jesus as Savior insufficient?

3. Why must a response to the Christian message occur at the intellectual, emotional and volitional levels? Explain.
