

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. The idea of being your own boss is not new. People have thought they could be masters of their own lives since the Garden of Eden. (Judges 21:25)

II. Man often thinks that he is the captain of his own life, but the Bible indicates that there are only two kingdoms- Satan's and God's. (Ephesians 2:1-3; John 8:44; Colossians 1:13ff)

A. If we are following our own desires, we are actually following Satan.

B. As followers of Christ, the lordship of Christ is not optional.

III. The lordship of Christ consists of three different things. (Romans 12:1-2)

A. It requires commitment to His authority in our lives.

1. We must present ourselves unreservedly to God and His will our lives.

2. This is a once for all transaction.

3. Making this decision is difficult not because we want to live sinful lives, but because we want to live our own lives.

4. We are not convinced that God has our best interests at heart.

5. God has already proved His love for us. We can trust Him. (Romans 5:8; 2 Peter)

B. It requires that our lives must be transformed by our minds being renewed. (Romans 12:2)

1. This is a process that is unending in our lives.

2. This means that our old habit of making our own decisions has to be broken.

3. Our minds must be renewed and new habits formed that allow Jesus to be Lord. Our minds are only renewed by the scripture, which help us know what His will is in our everyday situations. (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:13; Romans 12:19)

C. If Christ is to be Lord, He should not only be obeyed but also worshipped. (Revelation 5:9-14; 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:15-16; Revelation 11:15)

Application questions:

1. How has God revealed His love to you? How does trusting His love impact your perspective on Jesus' lordship in your life?

2. What part(s) of your life are you afraid of letting Jesus into as Lord? Why?

3. How can our minds be renewed, according to this message?
