

# The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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## I. Introduction.

- A. God is good whether or not our circumstances are good.
- B. If you do not believe that God is good, he will never be Lord of your life.

## III. Lordship means that we submit to Jesus having final authority in our lives. (Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-5)

- A. God had legitimate authority to command Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree.
- B. Satan questions God authority.
- C. Satan questions God's goodness in withholding the fruit of the tree, and he continues to feed us the same lie today.
  - 1. We are not willing for God to be Lord of our lives because Satan has mostly succeeded in convincing us that God is not good. (Isaiah 53:6; Romans 1:21)
- D. God does command our submission to His lordship, but we have a compelling reason to do so anyway.

## IV. Because of Christ's love and mercy for us, we are compelled to live not for ourselves, but for Him. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Romans 12:1)

- A. Only by being fully convinced that God is good can we trust Him to do what He chooses with our lives and believe that it is best.
- B. The lordship of Christ has to do with three areas having to do with God's will.
  - 1. We must accept God's will. (2 Corinthians 12:7ff; Genesis 50:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
  - 2. We must seek God's will. (Joshua 5:13-15; Acts 22:10)
    - a. Often we inform God of what our will is instead of asking what His will is and aligning ourselves with it.
    - b. Every decision that we make should be under the lordship of Jesus Christ.
  - 3. We must do God's will. (Luke 6:46)
    - a. We must obey God, not just in the big decisions but in the everyday things. (Romans 14:4)

## V. The lordship of Jesus requires faith and maintenance of our relationship with God. (Genesis 39; Luke 5:1-5; Acts 16)

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it necessary for us to understand God's goodness toward us before we allow Him to be Lord of our lives?

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2. Are there areas of your life where you feel God has not been good or loving? Pray and ask God for understanding in those areas and ask Him to help you trust Him in those areas.

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3. Of the three areas of lordship- accepting, seeking, and doing God's will- which do you find the most challenging? Which is the easiest? What would it take for you to grow in these areas?

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