

Christ as Lord

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I. Introduction.

A. Luke 9:23.

B. Before Jesus commanded to take up one's cross and follow Him, He established who He was.

II. Taking up one's cross is a daily matter.

A. Salvation is a once for all decision, and the person is born again. (John 3)

B. Jesus died to save us from the penalty of sin, the power of sin and the presence of sin. (1 Corinthians 15, Ephesians 1:7, 1 Peter 3:18)

C. A person may be saved but not realize that the Holy Spirit lives within you. (Romans 5:10)

D. We are right now living out the life of Jesus Christ. He died that we might live - we die that we might live. (Galatians 2:20, Hebrews 7:25, 2 Corinthians 4:10)

E. Christ will be Lord upon His return, but He wants to be Lord of our lives right now. (Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Peter 1:5)

III. Jesus has no favorites. (Ephesians 6:9, Colossians 3:25, Romans 2:11)

IV. The man who follows Jesus must want to do so. (Proverbs 13:10, Psalm 119:165, John 7:17, Revelation 3:20, Romans 6:7-8)

V. The man coming after Jesus must deny himself. (Mark 10:45)

A. We work for Jesus Christ, not for appreciation.

B. If we work for humanly reward then we have our reward. We ought to put Christ as Lord in humility. (Romans 4:2, John 13:13, Luke 21)

C. You cannot serve and love God without doing the same for man.

D. You have to put others interests above your own as well.

E. To deny is to seek first the kingdom of God. Jesus wants to be first. (Matthew 6, Proverbs 16:2)

F. Our natural mind is depraved. (Genesis 6:5, Proverbs 14:12)

G. Either Christ is Lord or we are Lord. (John 12:24)

H. We have to put the cross to that particular thing in our life that needs killing.

I. The burden of the Lord is not necessarily burdensome. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

J. Jesus wants us to be more and more like Him. (Proverbs 21:1, Romans 8:28, John 21:2)

K. Christ as Lord is a daily decision.

Application questions

1. What kind of relationship is the Lord seeking for the believer in the present?

2. What does it mean to take up one's cross?

3. What is the particular thing in your life that needs killing? How does knowing Jesus' Lordship encourage you in killing this matter today?
