

The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. The lie that God is withholding something good from us is a lie that Satan first used and continues to use. (Genesis 3)

II. The love of Jesus for us is the only motivation that will sustain us as we make Him Lord in our lives. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

A. The lordship of Christ does not bring us ease, so it is only an understanding of His love for us that can get us through.

B. We cannot live for ourselves and for Christ at the same time. We must be gripped by the love of Christ.

C. Only after we understand the love of God for us can we be submissive to His lordship. (Romans 1-11, 12:1)

III. Jesus Christ is worthy of our full allegiance. (Revelation 4:10ff, 5:9-12)

A. Whatever Jesus asks us to do, He is worth it.

B. There are a couple reasons that Jesus is worthy.

1. He has created all things for His pleasure.

2. He has sacrificed Himself for us.

IV. Jesus saw our value as our souls, not our current comfort or desire. (Luke 9:23-25; Ecclesiastes 2:9-11)

A. There are three requirements if we are going to make Jesus Lord of our lives in this passage.

1. We must deny ourselves.

a) Pampering ourselves is our most powerful temptation.

b) This doesn't just mean denying ourselves material things. It means denying ambition, reputation, desire for comfort, etc.

2. We must take up our cross. That is, we must release all claim to our own lives, without turning back and without holding back. (Romans 12:1; 2 Samuel 4:24)

3. We must follow Jesus.

a) To follow Jesus, we must spend time with Him. (Romans 12:1-2)

b) We must be involved in doing what Jesus is doing. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Application questions:

1. What drives you to make Jesus Lord of your life? Is it some other motive than His love for you? If so, pray to understand God's love in your life.

2. Why is Jesus worthy of being Lord?

3. In which areas of your life is it difficult to deny yourself? Why is Jesus worth deny yourself for you personally?
