

He is the image of the invisible God, ... (Col 1:15)
...Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. ... (John 14:9)

Philippians 2:10-11

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The question is not whether or not you believe that Jesus is real. Or even that he is good. Or even that he is God. It is: ***Does Jesus have authority over your life?***

κύριος kyrios Lord

lord, master; head; master; owner; secure possessor; guardian; guardian, trustee

δοῦλος doulos - a slave, servant, bondservant

We have been freed to serve a new master.

Matthew 16

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Submitting to the **Lordship of Christ** is about finding true **life**.

1 Corinthians 13:3

3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Three Forces actively at work to prevent that - to say "this is how you save your life"
DEVIL

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

FLESH

Proverbs 14:12, 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

WORLD

We must never replace faith in the Lord Jesus and obedience to his Word with any other source for healing or wisdom.

“You don’t know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.”

- Corrie ten Boom

Three areas of practical Lordship:

MONEY

Matthew 6:24

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

SEX AND SEXUALITY

1 Corinthians 6

18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Your desires are not your identity.

POWER

Matthew 20

25 But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Parents & Children

Ephesians 6:1, 4

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.... 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Elders & The church

1 Peter 5:2-3

2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

“Faith is spelled R-I-S-K.”

- John Wimber

Hebrews 4

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.