

JESUS: MORE THAN A MAN

THE LORD

Main Text: ROMANS 10:9, REVELATION 19:16, 1 CORINTHIANS 8:6, 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3, MATTHEW 18:22,

Because Adam and Eve disobeyed their Creator, every human being was born a slave to sin

Romans 6:17

But, God had a plan to rescue us from this predicament. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to redeem us. Jesus lived a perfect life and gave Himself for the freedom of humankind. He took the judgment of every person who'd already lived, was living, or would live in the future. He shed His royal blood as the payment to liberate us.

Jesus died on the cross and was buried. Since He was without sin, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead three days later. He is now seated at the right hand of God Almighty, who has made this decree:

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” - Romans 10:9–10 NKJV

These verses are familiar to most of us, but there's something in this passage many have overlooked.

It's a single word: lord.

The word lord is the Greek word kurios, which means “master, owner, supreme in authority.”

This is significant because people often unconsciously substitute another word in place of this one. Paul states we must confess the Lord Jesus—not the Savior Jesus.

This is fundamental flaw in the Western church.

Contrary to popular belief, confessing Jesus as merely Savior doesn't bring freedom or new life.

The word savior is found 36 times in the Bible.

The word lord occurs over 7,800 times.

Where do you think God places the emphasis?

**Lord declares the position He holds in our lives,
whereas Savior describes the work He's done for us.**

We cannot partake of the benefit of His work as Savior unless we come under His position as Lord and King!

What does it look like to live under His lordship?

How does this truth change the way you think about your faith, and how will it change the way you share your faith with others?

Many accept Him as Savior, but never make Him Lord.

1 Peter 2:24 tells us that Jesus shed his blood so that we could be free from the punishment we deserve for the sins we committed and that He gave His body so that we could be free of any physical ailment as we live out our lives in these mortal bodies.

However, this scripture also says that we are to die to sins and live for righteousness.

This is an action on our part.

It is a conscious decision to put off sin and to put on righteous living.

Ephesians 4:22-25 spells out in detail that we are to put off our old way of living and put on righteousness.

When we confess Jesus as Lord then it means we are making strides daily to cease living in sin and live righteously. We give Him complete control.

When we don't make Jesus Lord then we give Satan the right to wreak havoc in our lives and there is very little that can be done to stop him with any effectiveness.

Lord of all or not lord at all.