

:: Summary

One of the defining questions for every person is “Who do I trust with my life?” Every human being places ultimate trust in something or someone. Scripture declares Jesus to be the image (the exact likeness, the manifestation) of the invisible God; the Lord in creation, and the Lord in redemption and new creation. Because he has supremacy in all things (v. 18), Jesus is Lord of all. Because of our union with Christ by grace through faith, every follower can therefore say, “In life and in death I belong to God, I trust all of my life to Jesus Christ who is Lord of all.”

:: Share

In your life, where have you felt a deep sense of belonging? Share an experience from a particular time or situation where you felt you belonged in a deep and meaningful way (it might be family or a special set of relationships, it could be a team environment, or maybe a small group).

:: Explore and Discuss | Colossians 1:9-20 and Notes

What are the blessings of allowing Jesus to fully be Lord in your life?

What are the challenges of allowing Jesus to fully be Lord in your life?

If Jesus is to be head of the Church and Lord over this congregation (and he is), what powerful and important actions and changes must we take individually and as a body to acknowledge and live into this reality?

:: Apply it to Your Life

Is there any part of your life you are not fully entrusting to Jesus (hint: one way to look at this is to check your obedience – is there any place where you are resisting his lordship by not being obedient to his Word and will?).

On a spiritual level, what does it mean and how does it feel to say “In everything, I belong to God”?



:: Pray

Lord Jesus, you reign supremely in everything. The cosmic scale of your Lordship takes our breath away. You are before all things and in you all things are sustained. You have conquered death and granted us life in you so that your grace and love cover us forever. Thank you Jesus that we belong to you and we need not fear anything or anyone. We are yours and we ask that you, by your Spirit, enable us to live with you at the center of our lives so that in everything we might give you glory and honor. Amen.

