

Col 3: 22-4: 1 FINAL sermon

SERMON TITLE: Is Jesus SAVIOR or LORD?

Happy Palm Sunday to each of you, here in person and online!

1. The week before Easter, Jesus made His triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem with crowds singing Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest...Jesus is Savior
2. *Zech 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king (HEB=Your Savior, Your Master) is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*
3. Yet by Easter the crowds would turn their backs and cry out for His crucifixion

Continuing in Book of Colossians.....Paul has a lot to say about Jesus as Lord

READ Col. 3:22-4:1

“SLAVE” IS A HYPER-CHARGED WORD, especially in our culture today!

QUESTION: Does the Bible condone SLAVERY?

ANSWER: Absolutely NOT! The Bible is the only teaching that brings dignity and equality to all humans! **Sadly slavery has existed throughout the history of mankind** and God throughout the OT has sought to bring dignity to **ALL PEOPLE and** has sought to protect those who may be slaves, **while seeking to rid the world of slavery by changing sinful human hearts over time...**

IN THE N/T Christ brought PEACE TO ALL MEN through Jesus IN ADDITION...

*Gal. 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither **slave nor free man**, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

PAUL ALSO WRITES IN COLOSSIANS...

COL. 3:5-11 *Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. ⁶ For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, ¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him — ¹¹ a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.*

REVIEW-Putting off OLD SELF (Sin) and Putting on (the NEW SELF in Christ)

The single chapter of the Book of Philemon, puts to rest God's view of slavery

See COL. 4:9

LORD/MASTER PHILEMON is NOW to become the brother of his runaway slave Onesimus

A beautiful portrait of what submitting to the LORDSHIP of Jesus looks like!

BACK TO OUR TEXT IN COLOSSIANS 3 - QUICK SUMMARY!

1. We have learned by God's GRACE every human receives the gift of faith from God and then WE CHOOSE BY FAITH to RECEIVE OR REJECT the free gift of eternal life and the forgiveness of sins through the blood of God who became flesh, Jesus Christ, who died on a cross, was buried and rose again from the dead 3 days later
2. **When we receive Jesus as Savior, we are JUSTIFIED!**

3. **EVERY BELIEVER then starts the SANCTIFICATION PROCESS** where we practice PUTTING OFF the old sin nature and PUTTING ON CHRIST as LORD OF OUR EVERY AREA OF OUR LIFE, for HIS Glory!
4. **Jesus IS LORD, BOTH GOD AND MASTER, FULL STOP PERIOD...** HOWEVER, every believer needs to decide WHEN, WHERE and HOW MUCH they SURRENDER to the LORD Jesus!
5. **The “sanctification” process of submitting ALL TO CHRIST AS LORD will end in VICTORY** when we are **GLORIFIED** by Christ with NEW PERFECT BODIES at His return in glory **AND** our “final” transformation...
6. **THIS IS WHERE WE PICK UP OUR TEXT.....**
Paul has called on Wives, Husbands, Children AND NOW SLAVES AND MASTERS to ALL REMEMBER *their* LORD AND MASTER waits in heaven for each of them!

PAUL’S BIG IDEA.....

POINT: Whatever you do, do it ALL FOR JESUS BECAUSE HE IS LORD!!!!

STEVE: GO TO TEXT

COL. 3:17 **Whatever you do** in word or deed, do all in the name of the **Lord** Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

COL. 3:23-24 **Whatever you do**, do your work heartily, as for the **Lord** rather than for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the **Lord** you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the **Lord** Christ whom you serve.

POINT: I’m going to argue that Paul wants to make sure his audience understands that the LORDSHIP of Jesus is the most important part of putting on the NEW SELF!. Paul uses the Greek word KURIOS (LORD) repeatedly in a few short verses that I believe is lost in our English translations

STEVE FINISH ASSIGNED TEXT with focus on BLESSING or CONSEQUENCES as you choose when, where and how often Jesus is Lord in YOUR LIFE!

POINT: We are all a SLAVE to something or someone...It's YOUR choice!

A slave or (doulos) is one who has made the free choice to “come under” someone else as **LORD**, to come under *their* care and become a “servant”!

Rom. 6:20 *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. ²² But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

HONEST QUESTION:

So WHY would I want to completely surrender my life to Jesus as LORD?

SLIDE ONE FROM ERIS Jesus is SAVIOR

Add a little Jesus as SAVIOR to your life

You will always be an Infant in Christ

Beginning of Sanctification process

Little understanding about priorities in their life

Wonder why chaos still shows up in their life

Hot and Cold in their relationship and commitment to Christ
Can still be troubled with sin
Hard to forgive others
Can question God's love
Often need to relearn or go through tests and trials again, again, again...
Can be hard to hear voice of Holy Spirit
Often experience doubt and frustration
May frequently experience the discipline of God wondering why no blessing

SLIDE TWO FROM ERIS Jesus is SAVIOR and "Occasionally LORD"

Life is STILL out of balance as KEEPING Jesus on throne is on/off decision
Maturing believer who understands importance of making Jesus Lord
Maturing believer who understands importance of discipleship
Gaining traction over sin but can be hit or miss
Has Jesus as their first-priority, but will struggle keeping Him there
May be struggling with marriage and other important priorities
When engaged with different areas of life may forget Jesus is "First"
Frequently compartmentalizes Jesus with other areas of life
Can become "drama queen" when they forget who is "Lord"
Easily distracted by test and trials and purpose by God

Can be prone to “Pity Parties” they host for themselves
Can be prone to take God’s glory for themselves if not careful
May be experiencing the BLESSING/DISCIPLINE of God
AND THEIR LIFE STILL OUT OF BALANCE!

SLIDE THREE FROM ERIS Jesus is SAVIOR and LORD

Mature believer who has surrender EVERYTHING TO JESUS and accepted

Him as the LORD of every area of their life. They have truly taken up

their cross; have died to self and are FOLLOWING AFTER JESUS!

Mature believer who understands they are powerless to do anything right

apart from Christ (John 15)

A Disciple of Jesus who is often blessed by God and understands the purpose

of His discipline *immediately* for lapses in judgment

A Disciple of Jesus who knows what the “abundant life in Christ” looks like

A Disciple of Jesus who is joyful ALWAYS no matter how tough things get

A Disciple of Jesus who is constantly manifesting fruit of the Spirit

A Disciple of Jesus who is running this race of life to win, BUT *only through*

the power of Christ

A Disciple of Jesus who has NO FEAR of death

A Disciple of Jesus who is committed to prayer and God’s Word regularly

A Disciple of Jesus who has PUT ON/CLOTHED themselves with Christ Jesus,

and NEVER takes Him off!

Isaiah 40:28 *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, **the Lord**, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might, He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for **the Lord** Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.*