JESUS IS LORD

Study 11

I am busy reminding us of this vital message that I quoted a few years ago when I told you about this statement made famous by the great Missionary Hudson Taylor:

"Christ is either Lord of all, or is not Lord at all"

Today in the final sermon in this series I am going to ask the question: SO WHAT?? If I have managed to convince you of the significance of the quote of Hudson Taylor, WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS?

IN THE FIRST WEEK I asked the question WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO REALISE THAT JESUS IS LORD OF ALL? - Acts 10 **IN THE SECOND WEEK** we looked at: FIVE REASONS WHY I PREACH JESUS IS LORD **IN THE THIRD WEEK** we looked at: JESUS IS LORD OVER DEMONS **IN THE FOUTH WEEK** we looked at: JESUS IS LORD OVER DISEASE **IN THE FIFTH WEEK** we looked at: JESUS IS LORD OVER DEATH IN THE SIXTH WEEK we looked at: WHY JUST SAYING "JESUS IS LORD" DOESN'T **NECESSARY MAKE JESUS LORD IN THE SEVEN WEEK** we looked at: THE BENEFITS OF HAVING "JESUS AS LORD" **IN THE EIGHT WEEK** we looked at: The RELATIONSHIP between HUMAN RIGHTS and the LORDSHIP OF JESUS IN THE NINTH WEEK we looked at: **DECLARING JESUS AS MY LORD!! IN THE TENTH WEEK** we looked at: **REASONS WHY ONLY JESUS IS WORTHY OF BEING CALLED LORD** THIS WEEK I want us to look:

WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS IF JESUS IS LORD

We can't just say something so profound and do nothing if JESUS IS LORD

1) We must SURRENDER OURSELVES to JESUS IS LORD

I could use many examples of this first step.

John 20:26-28 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" v27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." v28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Acts 9:3-5 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. v4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" v5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

Acts 16:29-31 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. v30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" v31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household."

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SURRENDER?

stop resisting the one pursuing you and submit to their authority.

give up or hand over (a person, right, or possession), typically on compulsion or demand.

2) <u>We should NOT FEAR ANYTHING if JESUS IS</u> LORD

JESUS IS LORD OVER DEMONS JESUS IS LORD OVER DISEASE JESUS IS LORD OVER NATURE JESUS IS LORD OVER DEATH

Jesus CAST OUT THE DEMONS, and they obeyed HIS VOICE Jesus TOLD DISABLED PEOPLE TO WALK, and they WALKED Jesus TOLD THE WIND & WAVES TO CALM DOWN, and they OBEYED Jesus TOLD LAZARUS TO COME FORTH, and they AROSE FROM DEATH

3) <u>We must DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER if</u> <u>JESUS IS LORD</u>

Matthew 7:21-29 v21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. v22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' v23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' v24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. v25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. v26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. v27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." v28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, v29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

James Daniel. Always says "GOD WILING"

Many years ago, when people wrote letters to one another, they would often put the initials **D.V.** at the end of the letter. The initials **D.V.** were an abbreviation of the Latin words, **"Deo volente" which means "GOD WILLING"**

4) We must LOVE GOD UNRESERVEDLY if JESUS IS LORD

Matthew 22:35-38 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: v36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" v37 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (Mark 12:30 adds: "and strength").' v38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

What does this mean? Heart = Our will Soul = Our life itself or Our Emotions Mind = Intellect – Our Reason, Knowledge, Memory and Imagination. Strength = Our passions

5) We must FOLLOW JESUS if JESUS IS LORD

John 21:15-19 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." v16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." v17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." v18 Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."v19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. **Then he said to him, "Follow me!"**

CONCLUSION

IF SOMEONE ACCUSED YOU OF BEING A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST, WOULD A COURT OF LAW FIND ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROVE YOU GUILTY? ANYTHING, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME, LORD I'M WILLING