

JESUS IS LORD! 2 Corinthians 4:5

Int: Samuel Taylor Coleridge once warned of “truths often considered as so true that they lose the power of truth and lie bedridden in the dormitory of the soul.” The Lordship of Jesus Christ is one of those truths. Every Christian says Jesus is Lord but there is no sign they understand what that means. The time has come to rouse this truth from its bed and stir it to life! That Jesus is Lord is the

UNIQUE CONFESSION OF CHRISTIANITY

The first fully Christian sermon on the day of Pentecost ended in the first Christian “creed:” “Both LORD and Christ he (namely God) made Jesus” (Acts 2:36). Jesus of Nazareth is Lord of heaven and earth and no one else is!” That confession sets off Christianity from all other religions.

There are 1600 cults in American alone. Most of them hate Jesus. They say he is a good man, a prophet, a divine person, or something else, but do not own him as Lord of all!! Anyone who denies the absolute Lordship of Jesus to any degree is not Christian! Christianity holds that Jesus is Lord and no one else is!

INITIAL CONFESSION OF EVERY CHRISTIAN

Abroad today is a strange new heresy that thinks of God’s salvation as a cafeteria line where a person takes only what he wants and leaves the rest. Many try to take Jesus as Savior to miss hell and make heaven but they do not want him as Lord! But it is confession of Jesus as Lord, coupled with heart-trust in the risen Christ, makes a person a Christian in the first place (Romans 10:9).

The New Testament never says “Believe on Jesus and you will be saved.” It says “Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). Paul offered the jailer two options. He could accept Jesus as Savior AND LORD, or he could reject him! But if the man would not have Jesus as Lord he could not have Jesus at all!

If Jesus is not your Lord, he may not be your Savior either!

ULTIMATE CONFESSION OF ALL CREATION

Toynbee is said to have written: “We historians know that, if history had a beginning, it must also have an ending. But we historian do not know what that ending will be.” The Bible says clearly that God is moving history toward an appointed end. He aims to “gather together in one all thing under the Lordship of Jesus Christ” (Eph 1:10).

Someday the risen Christ will ride down the sky on a great white horse, scepter in in hand, eyes blazing fire and many crowns on his head. On his robe and on his thigh will be written, “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:11-16). On that day he alone will stand while every knee bows, and he alone will remain silent while every tongue confesses that he is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11). I bow my knee and confess today that he is Lord, and will rejoice on that day that all bow and confess it then.

When will you confess that he is Lord? Now when he can be your Savior...or then when he will be your Judge?

Con: Is Jesus really your Lord? Any area in your life off-limits to him?