

Our Lord (Rom 1:5)

- Read introduction: Rom 1:1-15
- I. “Jesus Christ the Lord of us” actually comes at the end of verse 4 or beginning of 5
 - A) “Our” is the definitive word in this phrase
 - 1. Because He is the Son of David and the Son of God He is the “Lord” of the believer
 - 2. He is “our” Lord in a way in which He is not the Lord of the lost
 - i. John 1:9-13- He made the world and the world knows Him not
 - ii. John 8:41-44- The world has another “father”
 - iii. Eph 2:2- Satan the “prince of this world”
 - 3. John 17:20-23- He is “ours” because we are His
- II. “Jesus- Christ- Lord”
 - A) Jesus- Joshua- “Savior” (Prophet)
 - 1. Teacher and blood sacrifice
 - B) Christ- Messiah- “Anointed/Appointed One” (Priest)
 - 1. Mediator and Taker of blood into the Holiest
 - C) Lord- Jehovah- “I AM” (King)
 - 1. Sovereign, Master and Creator, worthy of subjection and worship
 - i. Rev 19:16- “King of King and Lord of lords”
 - ii. Matt 28:18- “ALL POWER is given unto Me”
 - 2. Owner- Creator must also be Owner, so also is the Redeemer Who purchased us
 - i. This word Lord is tied directly to “servant” in verse 1
 - a) “Jesus Christ our Lord” is what makes a Christian
 - 1) Those teachings that say you can take Him as Savior without yet taking Him as “Lord” are completely false because He saves by shedding His blood to purchase us (1 Pet 1:18-19)
 - 2) These false teachings stem from dividing “justification” and “sanctification” and making them separate events
 - b) John 19:12-15- Similarity to meaning of Caesar/King/Authority Supreme
 - c) Lord = “Exalted above all”
 - 1) Eph 1:20-23- Head over all things
 - 2) Phil 2:9-11- Full statement on His being “Lord”
 - 3) Acts 2:36- God hath made Him Lord and Christ
 - (a) These cannot be separated or you do not have Christianity

- (b) To not know Him as Lord is to not “know” Him
 - (1) To say you know Him as “Lord” and not obey Him is also to not know Him as it defies the meaning of the word “Lord”
 - I. Col 2:6- “As ye have received the Lord, so walk in Him”
- D) “By Whom” we are doing this work
 - 1. This demands His total authority as Owner/Master/King
 - i. If He be not the Lord then Paul is not an apostle and his words carry no weight
 - 2. This then must be by “grace” or it is by merit and once again His total and complete sovereignty is destroyed
 - i. All creatures exist only because of Him, He created and He sustains, and the lost world denies this, because they deny Him as “Lord”
 - a) All new creatures not only believe and acknowledge this truth, but also the truth about the new birth by His grace
- E) “For obedience to (of) the faith”
 - 1. Rom 16:26- The exact same phrase in bookend statement
 - i. This is the obedience of which faith is the central principle
 - a) This is not “in order that we can render obedience to the faith” although that is also true, it is not the context here of the apostle
 - b) Aramaic- “to obey the faith of His name” (Lord Jesus Christ)
 - 1) Others have put it:
 - (a) “To bring about the obedience of faith”
 - (b) “To bring into compliance to His Name”
 - (c) “To yield to God through His message”
 - (1) All these things are in those words “Lord” and “servant”
 - ii. There are 2 forms of faith
 - a) Obedience in which faith consists
 - 1) Credit given to the gospel as God’s message
 - b) Obedience as a fruit of faith
 - 1) Works performed because we have believed and He is now our “Lord”
 - iii. Jews sought signs, Greeks wanted wisdom, God demands faith because “He is God” and faith submits to His plan of redemption through Christ Jesus the Lord
 - a) 1 Pet 1:22- Purified souls in obeying the truth (not in obedient works)
 - b) John 6:28-29- Works of God is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and go on believing in Him
 - c) Heb 11:6- Faith please God

2. Correct understanding of what sin is will lead to a clear definition of the word “Lord”
 - i. Sin= Disobedience to God (not obedient to our Master)
 - a) Sin is refusal to obey the Master’s commands
 - 1) Look at the first sin, it wasn’t murder or filth, it was rebellion
 - (a) Adam and Eve simply stopped listening to God
 - (b) A person can live a very clean and acceptable life in the service of self and still be vile in sin because he is in rebellion against the “Lord”
 - ii. The gospel is the exact opposite of this disobedience
 - a) “Obedience of faith” = “listen to God” and this starts with believing He is and His Son has been sent, this is all part of the obedience of faith
 - b) Man’s sin separated him from His “Lord” and so now the gospel message comes and must “reintroduce” fallen and blind man to the “Lord” in the person of Jesus Christ
 - 1) Rom 6:17- Obeyed the form of words delivered you
 - 2) Rom 10:3- Have not submitted to God’s righteousness
 - 3) Rom 10:16- Have not all “obeyed the gospel” = “believed”
 - iii. Eph 2:1-3- Fallen man has submitted to a new master/lord
 - a) Man serves the flesh, the devil and the world
 - b) Acts 17:30- God commands all men to repent (turn back to Master/Lord)
 - 1) 1 John 3:23- Command is to believe “on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ”
 - (a) Not part of the name or by stages
 - 2) 1 John 5:10- To not believe is to call God a liar
 - (a) The first reason to believe is simply because “God said so”
 - c) Col 1:12-13- Translation into new kingdom
 - 1) Through the “obedience of faith” the Lord brings us out of one kingdom and makes us citizens of another (change of ownership)
 - (a) Satan’s kingdom of disobedience, self-service, faithlessness and rebellion (“children of disobedience”)
 - (b) Kingdom of God and of obedience of faith and submitting to God
 - 2) Compare Rom 16:9 with Rom 1:8
 - (a) The Romans had this “obedience of faith” and now Paul is writing to them to fully explain what they had by union with Christ Jesus the Lord

(1) 2 Cor 10:5- Casting down imaginations and bringing every thought into subjection to God

F) Why the terrible condition of the church today?

1. Largely because people have claimed to believe on Jesus without truly believing on Him as “Lord and Christ”
 - i. People have come to salvation through desire to gain something, relief of conscience, or to be freed from guilt of sin, and they have never really BELIEVED on the “LORD Jesus Christ”
 - a) Luke 6:46- “Why call ye Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?”