

He is Lord

The word usually translated 'Lord' in the NT is the Greek word *kyrios* meaning:

- ✓ **A master, owner or one who has authority over;**
- ✓ **But in the Greek translation of the OT, from which most of the NT writers quoted when citing Scripture, *kyrios* is used to translate the Hebrew word 'Jehovah'. This is why most of our English Bibles do not have the name 'Jehovah' but use LORD instead.**

The Lord Jesus Christ

Lord (*kyrios*) = deity

Jesus (*Iesous*) = Saviour

**Christ (*christos*) = the anointed-one,
Messiah**

Two errors concerning the Lordship of Jesus

1) Lordship salvation

'You can't have Jesus as Saviour if you don't make Him Lord as well'

Lordship demands repentance, submission, obedience, fruit, etc.

**'If He's not Lord of all He's not Lord
at all'**

**'We must surrender absolutely and
unconditionally to the Lordship of
Jesus Christ. We cannot make our
own terms. What will this
involve? In detail I cannot tell you'
(John Stott)**

When our focus is taken off the person and work of Christ as the object of salvation and placed on the degree of one's own submission, assurance becomes a subjective matter

**Those who preach this are
concerned about Christians who live
shallow lives so they present a
gospel that demands *up front* an
exclusive commitment to an
obedient lifestyle**

**There is nothing of this kind of
gospel presentation in the
book of Acts**

Also, the message of 'faith only' and the message of 'faith plus commitment of life' cannot both be the gospel; therefore, one of them is a false and perverted gospel (Gal.1:6-9)

The proper object of faith is the person and work of Jesus Christ

'I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures'

(1 Cor.15:1-4)

2) We make Jesus Lord

But we cannot make Him Lord

He *is* Lord

***'Therefore let all the house of Israel
know assuredly that God has made
this Jesus, whom you crucified, both
Lord and Christ'
(Acts 2:36)***

**We cannot make Him Lord. We
confess it to be so:**

***'...if you confess with your mouth the
Lord Jesus and believe in your heart
that God has raised Him from the
dead, you will be saved'***

(Rom.10:9)

**One day even the unsaved will
confess it:**

***'Therefore God also has highly exalted
Him and given Him the name which is
above every name, that at the name
of Jesus every knee should bow, of
those in heaven, and of those on
earth, and of those under the
earth, and that every tongue should
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father'***

(Phil.2:9-11)

**What we are commissioned to 'make' is
disciples who acknowledge and submit to
His Lordship:**

***'All authority has been given to Me in
heaven and on earth. Go therefore
and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, teaching them to observe all
things that I have commanded you; and
lo, I am with you always, even to the end
of the age'***

(Matt.28:18-20)

*'...why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,'
and not do the things which I say?'*
(Luke 6:46)

**The Lordship of Jesus is not disputed
here, nor their salvation, but whether
they are His disciples**

*'You call Me Teacher and Lord, and
you say well, for so I am. If I
then, your Lord and Teacher, have
washed your feet, you also ought to
wash one another's feet'*
(Jn.13:13-14)

Discipleship answers the call to intimacy

'Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light'
(Matt.11:28-30)

The call to be His disciples is an invitation to a close relationship with Him whereby He shares with us His secrets, purposes, plans and includes us in the fulfilment of these on earth

This is where our greatest joy is found

'He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him...If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him'
(Jn.14:21,23)

His commandments are the details of His will for our lives

**To live as a disciple is to experience
the power of His Lordship in our lives**

**But we can forget who we are called
to be and allow others, mainly old
masters, to lay claim to us**

Examples...

The world

'Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man'

(John 2:23-25)

'Commit' = believe in or put trust in

**In contrast to these He called
the disciples 'friends'**

***'You are My friends if you do whatever I
command you. No longer do I call you
servants, for a servant does not know
what his master is doing; but I have
called you friends, for all things that I
heard from My Father I have made
known to you'***

(Jn.15:14-15)

'Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you'

(James 4:7-8)

Sin

'...do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God... Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?'

(Rom.6:13,16)

Self

'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service'

(Rom.12:1)

The key to abundant life is to find our place in His great plan, instead of trying to make God an actor in our plan

Pleasing others

'...do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ'

(Gal.1:10)

'But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts'

(1 Thes.2:4)

Summary

To live as a disciple is to experience the power of His Lordship in our lives

'If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples'

(Jn.15:7-8)