



# We Value: The Lordship of Jesus Christ

1. The Greek word for Lord, Kyrios, is used 750 times in the New Testament.

2. Jesus is called Savior 24 times—many times connected with the word Lord.

**Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)** <sup>10</sup> *And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

3. Salvation requires declaring a covenant with God based on the Lordship of Jesus.

**Romans 10:9-10 (ESV)** <sup>9</sup> *because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

4. It is more than a verbal proclamation; it must be a heart commitment.

**Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV)** <sup>21</sup> *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup> And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’*

5. Romans 14 uses the word Lord 10 times.

## 1. The Lordship of Christ shapes how we interact with other believers

**Romans 14:1-6 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> *As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.*

<sup>2</sup> *One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God.*

Principle 1---Be considerate on matters of opinion.

- a. Avoid quarreling, despising, passing judgement
- b. practice hospitality

Principle 2---Display Biblical truth for the development of convictions

- a. We are responsible to God alone.
- b. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring understanding and illumination to your mind.

Principle 3---Devote your life to honoring God

- a. Celebrate the unity of desire-to honor the Lord.
- b. Give thanks to God for His goodness

## 2. The Lordship of Christ shapes your perspective Romans 14:7-13

**1. Romans 14:7-13 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> *For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.* <sup>8</sup> *For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.* <sup>9</sup> *For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.* <sup>10</sup> *Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;* <sup>11</sup> *for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."* <sup>12</sup> *So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.* <sup>13</sup> *Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.*

Your life affects others.

2. Your life is finite. We are all interim.
3. When your earthly life ends, Jesus will still be Lord.
4. Acknowledgement of the Lordship of Jesus will occur for every person.

## 3. The Lordship of Christ shapes your actions

**Romans 14:14-23 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup> *I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.* <sup>15</sup> *For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.* <sup>16</sup> *So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil.* <sup>17</sup> *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.* <sup>18</sup> *Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.* <sup>19</sup> *So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.* <sup>20</sup> *Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.* <sup>21</sup> *It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.* <sup>22</sup> *The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.* <sup>23</sup> *But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.*

1. Lay down your rights for the benefit of others. DON'T BE A STUMBLING BLOCK!
2. Let your life reflect transformation, faith, and obedience.
3. Pursue peace with others.
4. Actively encourage one another to build up our faith.

**Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)** <sup>5</sup> *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,* <sup>6</sup> *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,* <sup>7</sup> *but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.* <sup>8</sup> *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* <sup>9</sup> *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,* <sup>10</sup> *so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* <sup>11</sup> *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*