Lordship and Discipleship

When we place our faith in Jesus Christ He not only becomes our Savior but also our Sovereign Lord. We are under new ownership! We can enjoy our new life in Christ and the benefits thereof, only as we daily seek His will and follow Him in obedience. By definition, a disciple is “a learner—a follower of Christ.” A true disciple will recognize Christ as Lord daily and be willing to put Him ahead of every pursuit in life.

For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. (Romans 14:7-9)

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created for him and by him.... And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. (Colossians 1:16, 18)

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33)

This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (John 15:8)

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35)

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.” (John 8:31)

1. What is the difference between Christ being our Savior and being our Lord?

2. How do I make Christ Lord of my life?

3. What benefits come to those who have Christ as Lord of their life?

4. What does it mean to give up everything to be Christ’s disciple?

5. What is the cost of being a disciple?

6. What kind of fruit will be evident if we are disciples?

MEMORIZE: John 13:35

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