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#### **Dedications**

This book is dedicated to my heavenly Father, the Lord God Jehovah, my Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost;

The late great Mother S. Stroud; Linda and Derrick Greenwood; Wayne Thompson, Pastor Fellowship of Faith Church, East Point, Ga.;

Tergenia, Chanique, Cymberli, Joshua, Elijah, Amber, Makalah, Trinity, Christian, Za'Nayah and Faith;

And to all my prayer and ministry partners. Your prayers and support is greatly and gratefully appreciated.

#### WARNING

Expect Satan to wage spiritual war against you in an effort to keep you from reading this book. It's a tactic to get you to put this book down. **DON'T DO IT!** For if you do, the forces of darkness will make every effort to ensure that you do not pick it up again.

Why?? Because Satan hates the truth, and exposure!! He is determined to keep you in captivity through the deceitful lusts of your flesh, thereby giving him control and robbing you of the abundant life God meant for you to have through the Lord Jesus Christ.

I challenge you to be determined to know the truth....the truth about who really has lordship of your life; Satan, the God of this world, who wants to keep you in the dark about his lordship, or the Lord Jesus Christ who wants you to be enlightened about the truth of his Lordship.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

These truths shall not only make you free from Satan's captivity, but you will be free to enjoy the abundant life, through Jesus Christ, as promised in God's Word.

Most importantly, these truths will determine the salvation of your soul.

You may have to fight to read this book, but it will be well worth the effort.

#### **Preface**

Throughout time, the controversy over the Lordship of Jesus Christ and Grace have sparked heated debates, arguments, and biblical philosophical studies among some of the world's greatest Biblical scholars. It has and still causes a great divide in the body of Christ.

#### The Doctrine of Grace vs Lordship

Before the Lord Jesus Christ began to deal with me about his Lordship, frankly I had never heard of lordship. I am sure this may be the case with many believers. You might ask, just what is lordship? What does lordship have to do with salvation?

To be honest, I had been taught that by reciting Romans 10:9,10

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

meant I was saved, period! I was taught that through God's grace or his unmerited favor that I was assured eternal salvation as long as I attended church services and believed that God raised Jesus from the dead.

That the salvation of my soul was a done deal. Sadly, I believe this is what many are taught in their pursuit of salvation. Even more sadly is the fact that it is far from the truth.

Did you believe that reciting Romans 10:9-10 meant you were saved? Did you believe that since you were "saved by Grace" that you were free to live your life anyway you want to? This is contrary to scripture, for Rom 6:1 states "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? Rom 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"

So what is the answer? If we are not under Grace, are we supposed to be perfect? Many are quick to say "Nobody's perfect". So what is the answer?

#### **My testimony**

Please allow me to share my own personal experience regarding the lordship of Jesus Christ that gave me a different perspective on salvation.

One day while praying fervently and calling upon the Lord Jesus, he spoke something that startled me. He said to me, "I am not your Lord!"

In amazement, I quickly retorted "What?? The devil is a lie!!"

I had been saved for 15 years, had preached revivals all over the United States, and endeavored to live a life that exemplified Christianity, or at least that what I thought was "Christianity".

I thought for sure that I was "all that" in the Lord and that my life was pleasing to God.

Why would the Lord Jesus say to me that he was not my Lord? Convinced a demon had invaded my prayer closet I immediately left out of the prayer closet. Upon returning to my prayer closet the next day, the Lord Jesus Christ spoke the same thing to me "I am not your Lord!" He told me "You do what you want to do, when you want to do it, and with whom you want to do it with. That is not lordship".

This concerned me deeply, I justifiably replied, "Lord, I have never even heard of lordship!"

The Lord Jesus then instructed me to do a study on Lordship! In obedience, I began my study by looking up the word "lordship" in the Bible, and found the following 2 scriptures:

Mark 10:42 and Luke 22:25

Since neither passage referred to the Lord Jesus Christ, puzzled, I went back to the Lord, and again he instructed me to *study* "lordship", not just read scriptures about it. That I was to research and study what lordship means, and how it applied to my everyday life.

Like many others, I thought that being "saved by grace" was enough. Once saved, always saved. Believing that God's grace would cover all my sins and no matter what I did after I had recited Romans 10:9-10, I believed I was Heaven bound. So basically, I did what I wanted to do, as long as it looked or sounded religious, not realizing that spiritually, Satan was still lording over me through my flesh, and I was bound where he is bound...to hell!! Thank God for his grace that kept Satan from destroying me in my ignorance. It was also by his grace that empowered me to learn the truth about his lordship and author this book.

Because so many believers are or have been misled by the erroneous teachings on salvation, is the reason I believe that the Lord Jesus instructed me to write this book and then teach his people about his lordship.

1Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth

Lordship is not just a theory, doctrine or religion, for me, it is a way of life. I have learned to live my life allowing Jesus Christ to lord over it. Jesus's lordship changed my life, and I have seen it change the lives of many others. Without a doubt, it will change your life too.

Yes, God's grace is sufficient but grace is not a substitute for Lordship. Grace is empowerment God gives one to allow him to conform one into the image of his son, Jesus Christ.

<u>Romans 8:29</u> For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

<u>1John 3:2</u> Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

This transformation process must be completed in one's life so that one's soul will be saved from eternal damnation. It will not happen without the lordship of Jesus Christ.

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## Chapter I "That day" Your arrival into Heaven

And I saw a great white throne and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Revelations 20:11-12

As the song goes.....

"When we all get to Heaven what a day of rejoicing that will beeeee...When we all see Jesus, we will sing and shout the Victoorryyy" NOT!! Huh?? Why not?

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:21-23

I am sure this is not what anyone will expect nor want to hear on "that day". However, this is exactly what some will hear. Those dreadful words, "depart from me, I never knew you." If one has to depart from Heaven where else is there to go? Yes, that other place no one wants to hear about - Hell!

What will you hear on that day? Where will you spend eternity?

The good news is everybody is going to Heaven! That's right! Everybody!! No matter what they have done in their lifetime or what kind of lifestyle they have lived, everybody will go to Heaven.

Now the bad news...not everyone will not stay in Heaven. Everybody will stand before the great white throne of judgment. And that throne does exist. Shortly after the Lord saved me, while I was awoke, he gave me an "out-of-body" experience. My spirit was taken to Heaven and I was shown the great white throne of judgment. Heaven is real, Angels are real, and the great white throne of judgment is very real.

So now, back to "that day". When you go to Heaven to be with the Lord, it will be worth it all; at least, that's what all believers sing and talk about - "that glorious day". With euphoric anticipation, many envision their arrival into Heaven. With vividly imagined scenarios of how they are going to put on their long white robes and dance around Heaven all day, telling all their friends and loved ones "Howdy, howdy!", and as the song goes "no one will able to put them out!"

Many will stand before our Lord Jesus Christ and express their spiritual and religious accolades of what they did and how well they did "for the Lord".

<u>Matthew 7:22</u> Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Many will stand before our Lord Jesus expecting to hearing "well done, thou good and faithful servant;" only to hear, "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity". Matthew 7:23

What kind of day will "that day" will be for you? What will you hear on "that day"? Will it be a glorious day or a dreadful day for you?

Will your genealogy, education, social or economic status account for anything? Sorry, it will not. How about one's dynamic singing or preaching ability? Maybe one's position or title in the church? No, none of these accolades will matter. Will one's religious affiliation (Holiness, Baptist, Catholic, etc) matter? No, that will not make a difference either.

What will matter then? What will be the determining factor? Who then will be saved?

#### According to the word of God.....

<u>Romans 10:10</u> That if thou shalt <u>confess</u> with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Acknowledging that Jesus Christ is lord and believing that God raised him from the dead (if you do not believe that God raised Jesus Christfrom the dead, you do not believe that Jesus is Lord) begins a process that culminates in the salvation (saving) of your soul.

In sin, you were conformed into the image of you old lord –Satan. In salvation you are conformed into a new man, which is in the image of your new lord – Jesus Christ. Therefore, upon your arrival to Heaven you will be known of him because you will be in him and known of him. Because one cannot complete this transformation process upon himself; Our Lord Jesus must do it, according to scriptures –

<u>Colossians 1:21</u> And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

<u>Colossians 1:22</u> In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight

In order to complete the transformation process in one's life, the Lord Jesus must have the authority, control and power to conform you into himself (his image).

But he must have your cooperation to do so.

Just saying you believe Jesus Christ is lord and not allowing him (to complete the transformation process) means you are merely saying one thing, but living something else. Saying you believe that Jesus is Lord, but serving someone else.

Many call Jesus "Lord", but do not allow him to be Lord, because they have not established a servant/master relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Relying on the false hopes of religion, religious traditions or religious affiliation will not gain one's entrance into heaven, which should be every believer's ultimate goal. Your salvation must be based solely upon God's word, and not through religion or religious traditions. Eternal life is through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23), no one else.

Who is really your Lord? Jesus Christ the true and risen Lord, or Satan the God of this world? Are you just taking for granted that Jesus Christ is your Lord?

You cannot guess, take for granted, nor rely upon human reasoning, when it comes to where you will spend eternity.

It would behoove you to have Jesus as your Lord when you do get to Heaven, if you

intend on Heaven being your eternal home.

## Chapter II Both Lord and Christ

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Acts: 2:36

Jesus Christ is Lord, and our Lord Jesus is the Christ. God made him both Lord and Christ. Not one or the other, he is both. He must also be both in your life.

Just acknowledging the fact that Jesus is Lord does not make him your Lord. You may have acknowledged that Jesus Christ is Lord many times - in worship service, Bible study night, or revival times. You may have celebrated the Lord Jesus Christ through praise and worship; however, just acknowledging that Jesus is Lord, singing that he is Lord and, praising his majesty is totally different than actually giving Jesus Christ lordship of your life.

What does it means for Jesus Christ to <u>be</u> Lord of your life? It means that Lord Jesus Christ has total control of your life? It means that as your Lord, Jesus Christ makes the decisions for your life, according to his will, and his plan. You are out of control and Jesus Christ is in control. It means that you acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ not just with your mouth, but with your life. You allow your life to be governed by the Word of God, (which by the way, according to John 1:14 *is* Jesus Christ).

It means you no longer allow the lusts of your flesh to control you. You allow the Lord Jesus to crucify your flesh (allowing it to suffer by not fulfilling its desires), as you faithfully become obedient to God's word. Because you are a free-willed person, you must concede to (allow), or give a lord the authority to lord over you and you subject yourself to his dominion, power and authority.

If the Lord Jesus Christ is your lord, God's word and his will, will govern your life. If Satan is your lord he will deceive you into making the decisions which are contrary to God's word and his will for your life.

<u>Jeremiah 29:11</u> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

God knows the plans he has for you. God's children follow his plan through their lord, Jesus Christ. Satan desires you to disdain and reject the plans of God by making your own decisions. Decisions that will bring destruction, desolation and anguish upon yourself. Such is not the will of God; it is a result of Satan's lordship.

Many are taught to set life goals and career paths, sadly however, they are not taught to seek the Lord Jesus Christ first. When you plan your own destiny, you are in violation of God's word and his will. When you do what you want to do, Jesus Christ is not your lord, and if he is not, guess who is!!

Many are or have been deceived into thinking that attending a religious service equates to Jesus Christ being their Lord. This is a fallacy and another one of Satan's deceptive lies.

A Lord requires loyalty, obedience, and the right to control. If your Lord does not have these aspects of your life, he is not your Lord and you are just calling him Lord. Calling Jesus Christ "lord" does **not** mean you have given him lordship.

Satan lords over and controls you through the deceitful lusts of your flesh. Because the flesh wants what it wants it, and does not like to be ruled nor lorded over, Satan would have one to "look holy" or "act holy" but not allow the Lord Jesus to make the fundamental changes needed to transform them into his image as their "new" Lord. Many will call Jesus Christ "lord" but will not allow him to be their Lord because of their fleshly desires and their unwillingness to be delivered from the fleshly desires that causes them to sin.

<u>John 8:44</u> Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

When a situation or circumstance is not favorable or conducive to your liking, is it your way or his way? Is it your will or His will? These important aspects will help you to determine if Jesus Christ is your Lord or not.

Through the lordship of Jesus Christ, you must be taught God's way of living, which will be conducive to the new creature you will become. You will be taught how put off (crucify) the old man, thus nullifying Satan's lordship.

<u>Colossians 3:9</u> Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
<u>Colossians 3:10</u> And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Sin is disobedience to God, it also incurs a debt with God that must be paid. Thank God, through our Lord Jesus Christ the price has been paid for us who believe on his deity as Christ and Lord.

Romans 6:20 -23 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Notice that the scripture says the gift of eternal life is through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If Satan is your lord, you cannot expect to receive God's gift of eternal life that only comes through his son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The end of the process of salvation through Jesus Christ is eternal life. Therefore, it is vital that you know of a surety who is lording over you.

You determine the salvation of your soul. There is only one way into Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<u>John 10:9</u> I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

## Chapter III What is a Lord?

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Romans 14:8

In order to determine and clarify the lordship of Jesus Christ, we must determine what a lord is.

Webster's dictionary defines a "Lord" as a leader, chief, commander, a king, a master, a governor, monarch or potentate.

The Greek term as defined in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance is - kurios which means "supremacy". It also means a master.

Strong's also give the following definitions:

- a) he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he, (the lord) has the power of deciding, master, lord
- b) the possessor and disposer of a thing, the owner, the one who has control of the of that that he possess person, the master
- c) a title of honor expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants salute their master.
- d) A ruler by hereditary right or preeminence to whom service and obedience are due
- e) A title for God and Christ one who exercises supernatural authority over mankind, Lord, Ruler, One who commands.

The Greek word "kurios" is taken from the root word "kuriakos", meaning "belonging to the Lord" the Lord who has dominion over, exercises lordship over, is Lord of, to be lord of, to rule, have dominion over, to exercise influence upon, to have power over, or government. Lordship in the New Testament means one who possesses dominion; one having power and authority over others.

The most common equivalent of 'Lord' is a term meaning 'chief' or 'leader,' but frequently this can be employed as a title for 'God.

One may, however, combine such an expression with a term for 'God' and employ a phrase meaning 'God our leader' or 'God our chief.' In some instances, however, a term for 'Lord' is related to a verb meaning 'to command' or 'to order'.

And therefore 'Lord' is rendered as 'the one who commands us' and combined with 'God' may form a phrase such as 'God, the one who commands us. LORD - Y@hovah yeh-hovaw - the proper name of the one true God.

In summary, a "Lord" is the master, the supreme ruler, commander, the one who possesses supreme (final) authority.

The Lord has the control of his servants. The Lord's servants belong to and serve him.

The Lord has the power of deciding, as the Lord possesses and exercises dominion over his subjects.

The Lord is "Lord of" those that concede (allow) the lord to have lordship over them. The lordship of a lord can never assumed as it MUST be declared and yielded to by the servant of the Lord.

The servant is subject to his Lord's "kingly government" Servants serve their Lord by faithfully obeying their Lord. The servant belongs to his Lord body, soul, and spirit.

The servant trusts the decisions of his Lord, by faith, regardless of how they feel or what they think about his decisions.

You are servants to whom ye obey. Whose servant are you?

## Chapter IV Lord or personal Saviour

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever.

Amen.

2Peter 3:18

Many believers base their salvation on what they were taught. Many have been or are now taught that if they ask Jesus to "come into their hearts" and that if they "receive" Jesus Christ as their "personal Saviour", that this is the assurance of eternal salvation, unfortunately this is not the truth, neither is there any scriptural nor biblical foundation for such teaching. It is a religious belief and a satanic fallacy.

Nowhere in God's word does it tell one to receive Jesus Christ as their "personal" Saviour, nor does it instruct us to ask Jesus Christ to "come into our hearts" to receive salvation..

Our salvation must be based upon the truth of God's Word, not supposition, man's doctrine or religion. It is important to know the truth of God's Word to have assurance of his salvation.

<u>John 14:6</u> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

One cannot expect for God to honor something that is not in his Word. The above phrases, as we will learn, are not even contained in God's Word. Therefore, let us study and search the scriptures for the truth about the fallacy of "personal saviour".

The scripture traditionally quoted as the basis for salvation is as follows:

<u>Romans 10:9</u> "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

<u>Romans 10:10</u> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

To begin our study let's examine Romans 10:9, which states that if (a conditional preposition) thou shall "confess"....

The Greek definition for confess is "homologeo"

- 1) to say the same thing as another, i.e. to agree with, assent
- 2) to concede 2a) not to refuse, to promise 2b) not to deny,
- 3) to profess i.e. declare openly, speak out freely: to profess one's self the worshiper of one
- 4) to praise, celebrate with your mouth... declare openly with your mouth, to say, to confess, to acknowledge.

To acknowledge with your mouth (*not just* one time either) the Lord Jesus, means that you openly declare and profess yourself to be a believer and worshipper of Jesus Christ. It also means that you do not deny that he is Lord and that you agree with Acts 2:36, that God made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

It also means that you believe (to think to be true, to be persuaded,) in your heart (your innermost being, your mind) that God hath raised Jesus Christ from the dead, thou shalt be saved (safe, made whole and delivered from the penalties of the Messianic judgment.)

Nowhere in these scriptures does it instruct one to — "ask Jesus to come into their heart" (you must believe in your heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead) nor does the scripture says to confess him as your "personal" Saviour!!" The word "Saviour" or personal is not even in these scripture!!

Do you concede that Jesus Christ is Lord? Some do not believe that Jesus is Lord, based upon the fact that they do not believe in Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead by the Father. If you do not believe in His resurrection, you cannot believe that He is Lord, because he was not made Lord until after his resurrection. (Matthew 28:18). If, you concede to and agree that Jesus Christ is Lord, then you will allow Jesus Christ to lord over you, or to be your Lord. Therefore you declare his lordship of your life by referring to him as "your Lord Jesus. Nowhere in these Scriptures does not tell us to confess him as Lord just one time!! One declare (confess) Jesus as Lord every time they speak of him or in his name.

When you give Jesus Christ lordship of your life, you acknowledge and celebrate him as Lord every day. You seek his will and accept his government of your life every day. You allow the Lord Jesus to have lordship (dominion) of your life, to lead and guide you daily according to his will.

In respect to Jesus Christ our Lord, you would not refer to him just "Jesus" because he is no longer just Jesus – God made him both Lord and Christ. Therefore because you believe that he is Lord and Christ when you confess, declare or acknowledge who he is, you do so by referring to him as "your Lord Jesus" or your lord Jesus Christ".

This also his commandment,

<u>1 John 3:23</u> That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

#### **Personal Saviour?**

We must now examine the fallacy of asking the Lord Jesus Christ to be one's "personal Saviour".

As I must remind you again, nowhere in the scriptures does it tell us that Jesus Christ wants to be your "personal" savior. Jesus Christ is Saviour of the world, period!! 1 John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

To dispel this popular myth, we must study the word "Saviour".

Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary describes "Saviour" as a person who rescues others from evil, danger, or destruction.

In Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary, the Hebrew (Old Testament) definition of Saviour is — yasha - properly to be open, wide or free, that is, (by implication) to be safe; causatively to free or succor: - avenging, defend, deliver (-er), help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save (-iour), get victory. And yesha' - liberty, deliverance, prosperity: - safety, salvation, saving.

Israel was God's chosen people. He was a Saviour to Israel because he "caused them to be safe" and freed them from bondage. He "delivered them from their enemies, he caused them to be victorious and saved them in battle".

However God promised Israel a "redeemer" that would turn from their perpetual sins.

<u>Isaiah 59:20</u> And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

Therefore the "saviour" promised to Israel was Jesus the Christ. Israel viewed God Himself as the *Saviour*:

<u>Isaiah. 45:21</u>."There is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Saviour"

<u>Ps.106:21</u> They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

Because God is the source of salvation, he sends human Saviors (deliverers) to rescue His people. This word was also used to describe the judges of Israel, these "Saviours" or "deliverers" rescued God's people from oppression by their enemies (Judge 3:9,15).

Now let us examine the meaning of Saviour in the New Testament. In *Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary*, the Greek definition for Saviour is -

sōzō-safe; to save, that is, deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

sōtēr - From <u>G4982</u>; a deliverer, that is, God or Christ: - saviour.

Easton's Bible Dictionary renders the following definition - The name "Saviour" was given to one who saves from any form or degree of evil. In its highest sense the word indicates the relation sustained by our Lord to his redeemed ones, he is their Saviour.

God's Word's declare the following scripture on our Saviour – Jesus Christ.

<u>Acts 13:23</u> Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (KJV)

<u>Luke 2:11</u> And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

John 4:42 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

<u>1 John 4:14</u> And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

NONE of these scriptures instructs one to "receive" the Lord Jesus Christ as our "personal Saviour". It is through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Saviour) that we have obtained salvation. Salvation is for EVERYONE!

You can personally believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world. In doing so, you acknowledge that you personally believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour as prophesied by the Prophets; but that does not mean nor imply that you have "confessed" the Lord Jesus or given him lordship of your life. Jesus Christ does not want to be just your Saviour, he is already that!

He wants to be something that only you can let him be - "your Lord".

For him to be your Savior and not your Lord is denying who he is. He is <u>BOTH</u> Lord and Christ. Not one or the other.

None of the above referenced scriptures refers to our Lord Jesus Christ as one's "personal" Saviour, nor does it instruct one to make or receive him as your personal saviour. As a matter of fact the word "personal" is not even in God's Word.

It is through the Lord (lordship) of Jesus Christ that we enter into the kingdom of Heaven, and inherit the promises of God. It is through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Jesus Christ died for the sins of all of mankind. Everyone has the opportunity to be "saved, delivered, or made whole", but not everyone will "saved" because of what or in whom they believe.

Acts 2:36 says God made Jesus <u>both</u> Lord and Christ. Jesus Christ is both Lord and Christ (Saviour). Not one or the other.

It is a cleverly devised trick of Satan for one desiring to be saved, to just "confess" that Jesus Christ is their "personal Saviour", but not acknowledge him as Lord, nor allow Jesus Christ to be Lord of their life.

While the word "personal" may describe a desired relationship the Lord Jesus Christ desires to have with his servants, it in no way concedes, declares openly, gives, nor yields to the lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is why, according to Matt 7:21 the Lord Jesus will say to many "I NEVER KNEW YOU" Yes, you may have done many wonderful works in his name, but did you have a relationship with him? A Lord must have a master/servant relationship with his servants. Therefore if you must confess Jesus Christ as your "personal" anything, confess him as "personal" Lord.

He is Saviour of the world.

# Chapter V Lordship – A matter of control.

No servant can serve two masters;
For he will either hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other.
Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Luke 16:13

Control means - to manage, have power over, be in charge of, direct

You can only serve one Lord and have one Master.

<u>Matthews 6:24</u> No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other.

A Lord (master) must have total control of his servants. The obedience of a servant to his Lord determines his relationship with his Lord.

<u>Romans 6:16</u> Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are...

A Lord demands obedience. His true servants will adhere to his will and obey his word.

You CANNOT be neutral in regards to serving your Lord. You will serve whoever lords over you, and you will yield to that lord's lordship. You will serve either The Lord Jesus Christ or Satan, the God of this world. Satan wants to deceive you into thinking you can do both, you cannot.

Romans 16:18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

That is the trick! - talk holy, look holy and perform religious acts but just do not live holy.

As long as Satan can keep you in bondage to the desires of your flesh and fleshly mind (to serve them); he thereby keeps you under his control and retains his lordship over you.

<u>Ephesians 2:3</u> Among who also we all our conversation in times past in the lusts of out flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature children of wrath, even as others.

When Satan is your lord he seduces you into fulfilling the desires your of your sinful nature, (your flesh), and not yield to the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan know that by you doing so, you are "by nature" a child of wrath not a child of God.

Galatians 5:16-17 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

You cannot "walk" in the Spirit (the Lordship of Jesus Christ) and walk after your flesh at the same time. Because lordship commands obedience, you will minded to serve (obey) your true Lord, and rebel against any other lord. Again, you cannot serve two masters (lords) at the same time.

Your Lord (whoever it is) will have power over, be in charge of, and direct (control) you. Whomever you serve is your Lord.

<u>Romans 6:16</u> Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

If Jesus Christ is your Lord, his word, his will and his way must be the controlling factor in your life. If Satan is still lord, you will be minded to fulfill the lusts and desires of your flesh.

Your Lord will expect his will to be served. Our Lord Jesus Christ rules through his Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost), Satan rules through the flesh).

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

This is why Satan wants to keep you in bondage to your flesh!!

Your flesh disinherits you from the kingdom of God, which is where all your blessings are and is where you want to spend eternity!!

Satan knows how to seduce you into obeying the lusts of your flesh, which is why your flesh must be crucified, otherwise you will continue to serve your flesh and he retains lordship over you.

James 1:14-15 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed (to bait, deceive). Then when lust hath conceived (to seize, take: one as prisoner), it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

When fleshly desires are conceded to and fulfilled, the lordship of Jesus is then opposed rather than yielded to.

<u>Romans 8:7</u> Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be

A carnal mind is enmity <u>against</u> God! Enmity means -enemy, foe, a certain enemy

- 1) hated, odious, hateful
- 2) hostile, hating, and opposing another opposing (God) in the mind.

The carnal minded is hostile towards God's word, God's will and the lordship of Jesus Christ. It is God's enemy. And it is against God and results in death (separation from God).

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

The carnal mind is opposed to God or anything that has to do with God's word, God's will or God's ways. The carnal mind will never be subject to God, nor the lordship (government) of Jesus Christ, because it cannot be. It will be in constant opposition to Jesus's lordship. Satan will try to seduce you into thinking carnally, and to fulfill the desires of your fleshly mind, thus keeping you in bondage to the lust of your flesh and keeping you from becoming spiritually minded. If he is able to succeed in this endeavor, he secretly retains lordship, and in doing so you remain "carnal minded", which keeps Satan in control, and your lord, instead of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth (to turn upon a thing) against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

### Chapter VI Satan's conspiracy.

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us

For we are not ignorant to his devices.

2 Corinthians 2:11

Before you gave Jesus Christ lordship of your life, you were Satan's servant. When you gave Jesus Christ lordship of your life, you became Satan's enemy, and that is when the warfare for lordship (control) began.

Romans 7:15-22 give us insight on how Satan conspires with your flesh to reign as lord in your life.

- Rom 7:15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do
- 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.
- 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
- 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
- 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.
- 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
- 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
- 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
- 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

These scriptures speak of a dilemma, that the chief Apostle Paul was having with his flesh. Look at verses 16-18: Here Paul states "the things he wants to do, he does not; and the things he hates, that he does!" What he should be doing he did not do, and what he should not be doing, he found himself doing!! Does this sound familiar?? Paul concedes that it is no more him, but "sin that dwelleth in him". Paul then recognized a "law": nomos – a) anything established, a custom, a law, a command, a rule producing a state, b) anything that governs, controls or directs), that was in his members that was warring against the law of my mind, and bringing him into captivity to the law of sin which is in his members.

This "law" was the control of his old "carnal minded" man. The "old man" had established a law, (government) or control through lusts, desires and affections.

Satan was using the "law" of the flesh (the old man) to war against the "new man" Paul had become. Satan's agenda was to regain lordship of Paul's life through his old man. However, Paul understood what was going on and instead of yielding to his flesh he resisted the Devil and

drew close to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; Ephesians 4:22

The old man, "self" was used to being obeyed through the commands of its lusts and desires, which culminated in bondage to Satan. When you give Jesus Christ lordship, he frees you from Satan's bondage by "recreating" you through his Godly government, which is God's Word.

God's Word, his will and his way will be the new government.

And that ye put on the new man, which after God <u>is created</u> in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

Jesus' new government establishes a new way of living, which is totally opposite from the life the law of sin used to govern through the old man (self). That is when spiritual warfare begins.

Galatians 5:17For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

*Romans* 7:23

Paul says the "law of sin" was in his members was warring against the law of God (in his mind) and was attempting to bring him back into captivity to the law of sin. Paul delighted in the law of God (the Lordship of Jesus Christ) after the inward man (his Spirit), but the law (control) of sin continued "warring" against the law of God in his heart and mind.

Satan will conspire with your "old man", to bring you <u>back</u> into the captivity to the lusts of your flesh and the law of sin which keeps you carnal (fleshly) minded. Satan knows that to be carnally minded is death - (separation) of the Lord Jesus' lordship in your life.

Romans 8:6-8 For to be carnally minded [is] death but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. Because the carnal mind[is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Jesus Christ frees you from sin.

Romans 6:6-7 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Satan has not changed nor has his tactics. The same agenda he had for Paul, he has for any born- again believer. He knows the flesh does not like to suffer. It will balk to get its way. By utilizing demons to cause aggravations, trials, and tribulations to stir up the flesh, which will war against the control of the Holy Spirit, thereby bringing the believer back into being carnal minded instead of spiritually minded and ultimately Satan regains lordship. Being carnal minded instead of spiritually minded not only separates you from God but it also nullifies the lordship of Jesus Christ.

Satan's agenda is for a believer to call Jesus lord, yet still serve him.

### **Chapter VII The Carnal Mind**

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

*Romans* 8:7-8

The "carnal mind or the old man" is God's enemy and the enemy's ally.

Romans 8:7 says the "carnal mind" is "enmity" (odious, hateful, deep-seeded hatred) against God and is not subject to the law of God (God's control or government), NEITHER INDEED CAN BE!! The "carnal mind" can never be subject to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, therefore the Lordship of Jesus Christ is out of the question for the carnally minded person.

The Greek word for "carnal" is "sarx" which means a) the sensuous nature of man, the animal nature with cravings which incite to sin

a) the flesh, denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.

From these definitions, we can see the "carnal" mind incites (urges or encourages) one to sin. It is by nature, prone to sin and opposed to God. The carnal mind or the Adamic nature of man cannot, neither will not be subject to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It steadfastly opposes the control of the Holy Spirit, and vice-versa (Galatians 5:16).

Satan will continually fight to regain control through his staunchest ally, the carnal mind.

If he can regain control, by getting you to remain or resort back into being carnally minded, you give him back authority through sin and put him back in control.

That's why the "old man" must be crucified.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

#### Romans 6:6

Until the flesh is crucified, Satan will always use it to battle for control and in most cases will win the battle. He wins, especially if the person is a babe in Christ, ignorant to Satan's devices or is not knowledgeable in spiritual warfare.

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

#### **Romans 7:23**

Satan wants believers to remain his servants through their flesh. In doing so, Jesus Christ may be called "lord" but never given lordship.

Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Notice the scripture say "to whom ye yield yourselves to obey"

That is how he entraps believers by arousing the "old man" and his carnal- minded ways. He brings forth lust, which opens the door for sin, which leads to death.

A of this is a cleverly devised trick or trap instituted by Satan. But, because the only power he possess is the power of suggestion, you have to "yield" or "give in" to his suggestions. When or if you do, you are serving him because Romans 6:16 hath said, "to whom ye yield yourselves servant to obey, his servant ye are"

It makes Satan no difference if you attend church faithfully, sing in the choir, usher, etc., as long as you remain carnally minded. Satan does not care how many "hallelujahs" or "praise the Lord" comes out of your mouth, just as long as he is still lord. If you remain carnal minded, he remains lord, and that is his ultimate goal. He cannot stop you from believing but he can deceive you. Deception is his greatest tool.

<u>1John 3:7</u> Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

This pure unadulterated deception is perpetrated on many believers through doctrines of devils and the spirit of the anti-Christ.

#### **Chapter VIII**

#### No Condemnation

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1

When you initially gave Jesus Christ lordship you were carnally minded, but it's not God's will for you to remain carnally minded.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom 8:1

This is why Rom 8:1 instructs us to "walk" after the Spirit.

To "walk" means

- a) to walk, to be occupied
- b) to make one's way, progress
- c) to conduct one's self
- d) c) to pass one's life
- e) the disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of any one

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Ephesians 4:17

Therefore to "walk after the Spirit" means to: PROGRESSIVELY begin to be controlled, influenced and governed by God through the Lordship (government) of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the power of the Holy Ghost. After one is born again, this new walk will begin.

Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which **are by** Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:11

Therefore, you progressively go from being controlled by Satan through your flesh, the carnal man, to being controlled by our Lord Jesus, through the Holy Spirit which lives in your spirit.

When you walk you take one step at a time and you progress <u>as you</u> walk. God's righteousness is fulfilled in those who walk not after the flesh (carnal mind) but after the Spirit. (Romans 8:4) In order to "walk not after the flesh" we must have a renewed mind and a new will.

Satan does not want you to progress in the Lord, and you will not remain in a neutral place in the Lord. You will either progress or regress (backslide).

Please do not believe the old religious hype that God is married to the backslider. He is not. Jeremiah 3:12 and 14a has been taken completely out of context and many believe that they can live a "backslidden" life because "God is married to the backslider", which is another one of Satan's deceptive lies.

Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel,

saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger forever. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: Jeremiah 3:12&14a

The children of Israel were walking away from God and God was beseeching them to return to him. Today's believers are under a completely new and different covenant, so therefore this scripture does not apply to a New Testament believer. If a believer can backslide, that means the entire Body of Christ must backslide because New Testament believers (the Church) are one Body.

A believer must be taught how to "walk after the Spirit" by the Spirit of God, and stop walking after the (desires) of the flesh. This accomplished by the Holy Ghost teaching us to progressively walk away from obeying the lust of the flesh to walking towards obedience to God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

One does not instantaneously go from being carnal minded to being spiritually mind, it is a process. That process can only be completed by the Lord Jesus Christ, through his Holy Spirit. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

This is why one must "walk the walk", not "talk the walk".

The direction of your walk must change. You cannot walk after the Spirit of God and continue to fulfill the lust of the flesh. You must allow the Lord Jesus Christ to crucify your flesh so that you can begin to "walk after the Spirit".

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; Ephesians 4:17-20

This is how you used to walk. If a believer continues to walk the same way that they did before giving Jesus Christ lordship, they have not learned about Christ and is untaught. When Jesus Christ is given lordship your walk will change.

If you do not change, you will take on the same demeanor as the children of Israel. They called God "lord", yet they were walking away from him.

The focus of your direction must change from your will to God's will. You will become a new creature, created in the image of your new lord, Jesus Christ.

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Ephesians 4:20-24.

Notice the Word of God says "the new man", which is <u>created</u> in righteousness and true holiness (not a religion).

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness 1Thessalonians 4:1 &7a

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1

Corinthians 6:9-11

A change in "your walk" is of the utmost importance. Will you stumble sometimes? Of course you will, but you will not be under condemnation, because you are no longer walking after the flesh, but after the Spirit. God's grace will cover your stumbling.

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9a

Is grace an excuse to keep sinning or to walk after your fleshly lusts?

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Romans 6:1-2

### What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Romans 6:15

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 1John 1:6

God's word says it all! You cannot walk in sin and righteousness at the same time.

Your walk will change directions, when Jesus Christ is your Lord. But remember, it is a progressive movement. Not standing still, but constantly and progressively moving in obedience towards allowing your Lord Jesus Christ to have absolute control about how you live (walk) as his servant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will teach you how to walk after the Spirit (him). It will require obedience to his lordship. It will be totally opposite of how you may be been accustomed to walking, however the power of God will help you to do his will.

How you walk, who you walk with and the direction in which you walk is vitally important in determining which direction you are headed, either up or down.

## Chapter IX Depart from iniquity

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.

And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity

2*Timothy*2:19

What will Jesus say to those who did not give him lordship even though they may have called him "Lord"?

He will say "depart from me ye that work iniquity..." Many do not realize the seriousness of iniquity. It is the greatest enemy to lordship. Here's why –

The word iniquity occurs in the scriptures **262 times**.

The Hebrew meaning for iniquity is "Avon" (aw-vone) which means perversity, depravity immorality, wantonness, corruption, moral evil, mischief and sin.

The Greek word for iniquity is "anomia", which means unrighteousness, transgression of the law, the condition of without law, contempt and violation of law, without law, transgressor, lawless destitute of God's law and not subject to the law or the government of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is why iniquity is the greatest enemy to lordship.

It is what Satan employs to have one rebel against Jesus' lordship.

By instruction of the Holy Ghost I must covey the seriousness of iniquity through God's holy Word.

When God was instructing the children of Israel concerning his law, he spoke of iniquity.

Exodus 20:5 "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting (to reckon, to punish) the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me"

Psalms 5:5 - The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Psalms 53:1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity:

Proverbs 10:29 The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to The workers of iniquity.

Isaiah 13:11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Ezekiel 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Matthews 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Iniquity is apart from sin. Iniquity is the mindset of sin, just as obedience is the mindset of righteousness. Sin is transgression of God's law. While some sin is committed through ignorance, it is still a transgression, but a forgivable one. While the only transgression that is unforgivable is blasphemy of the Holy Ghost), iniquity is forthright lawlessness.

Iniquity is refusing to be governed; especially by God through our Lord Jesus Christ, mankind or anybody for that matter. Iniquity is doing what ones desires regardless of God's law (his word), man's law or any law. It is allowing the depravity of the carnal man (*carnal mind*) to control one's life with total disregard for God and contempt for God's Word, his will or his way, thus being a violator of God's law.

A "worker" of iniquity is anyone who is lawless, without control, and has no regard for authority or government in their life. One who practices such lawlessness systematically or habitually, one who breaks God's and man's laws, and who has reckless disregard for either. They want their way and will devise evil to get it, regardless of who they hurt, use or abuse.

One who lives under the control the fleshly mind, because the flesh (carnal mind) is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be! (Roman 8:7)

Going to church every Sunday, and living an iniquitous life Monday through Saturday is Satan's agenda.

<u>Matthews 23:28</u> Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Living a sinful life (habitually) or obeying the sinful desires of the flesh, and then go to church on Sunday will not "unmake" you a worker of iniquity. However, you can depart from iniquity through the lordship of Jesus Christ.

And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Luke 6:46

When you continue to live like you want to live, obeying the sinful desires of the flesh, doing what you want to do regardless of what God's word says, you work (exercise) iniquity.

Iniquity is a very serious offense in the eyesight of God.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall <u>gather out</u> of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity <u>Matthew 13:41</u>

GOD HATES INIQUITY, and "workers of iniquity". This why the lordship of Jesus Christ must be prevalent in one's life if permanent residence in Heaven is desired.

The Word of God says to depart - (to make standoff, cause to withdraw, to remove, to revolt, to desert, withdraw from) from iniquity". One

must revolt against Satan's will and his ways and withdraw from other "workers of iniquity". Satan hates it when you revolt against him. That is why he institutes spiritual warfare against the believers. His host will pull out all the stops to get you to revolt against God through iniquity!

You must flip the script on Satan. Be not deceived, it will definitely take the lordship of Jesus Christ for one to depart from iniquity, however, it must be and can be done.

## Chapter X Back to that day

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2Peter 2:9

On "that day", what will it be like for you? Rejoicing or weeping and gnashing of the teeth?

What will our Lord Jesus Christ say to you on that day? Will he say?

"I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" or "Will done thou good and faithful servant"

My friend, there are no gray areas in regard to salvation. It is either Heaven or Hell, no other alternatives.

And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. Matthew 5:30

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Revelations 20:12

If our Lord Jesus says "depart from me," please think about it, where are you going??!! Beloved, Hell is very real.

If you desire permanent residence in Heaven, we must put off corruptible and put on incorruptible. It is only possible to do so is through the lordship of Jesus Christ.

If you're not sure if Jesus Christ is your lord or not, and you want to make absolutely sure that he is by giving him lordship of your life now, Pray this prayer now.....-

"Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and iniquities, I repent of them and ask you to forgive me. I am truly sorry. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins, And that you paid my sins debt. I truly believe in my heart that God raised you from the dead and that you are both LORD and CHRIST. Lord Jesus, I give you lordship" of my life today. I yield control of my life to you. I am willing for you to lord over me and I will trust in your Lordship. I believe, that by faith, I have received forgiveness, and I believe that I have been accepted into your kingdom. By faith, I now receive the gift of the Holy Ghost that will empower me to be conformed into your image.

Thank You Lord Jesus, for saving me. I accept your guidance for my life. I am your servant. Use me Lord to bring you glory.

Now declare this to your old lord – "Satan, you are not my lord anymore, Jesus Christ is now my lord him only will I serve." Amen

You have made the best decision in your life by giving Jesus Christ lordship of your life. By giving Jesus Christ the right to exercise his lordship over you, your life will never be the same and you will not be disappointed.

God know the plans he has for you (Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 37:23).

Your new lord, Jesus Christ will now lead you into all truth and the truth shall make you free. Yes, your life will change. Yes, Satan will war against you to regain his lordship, but you already the victory.

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ. 2Corinthians 2:14a

And please, do not refer to your lord as just "Jesus" anymore. He is the Jesus Christ *your* Lord or *your* Lord Jesus Christ. In celebrating your Lord, you should not refer to the Lord Jesus as just "Jesus", you would then be robbing Him of His God-given deity according to Acts 2:36. You therefore acknowledge him as "your Lord Jesus" every time you refer to, talk about or pray in his name.

Allow your Lord to have his way in your life. Yes, he must crucify your flesh, but he knows how to do it. Yes, your flesh will suffer, and will war to regain control, that is why it is very important to declare, agree and concede the lordship of Jesus Christ your Lord daily.

Remember if Jesus Christ is not Lord of all; he is not Lord at all!!

#### What next?

- 1. Pray daily. Ask your Lord to bless you with a prayer partner or prayer group. Prayer changes things and people too!!
- 2. Declare that Jesus Christ as your Lord in every situation, allow him to lord over you and the situation.
- 3. STUDY your Lord's word to learn more about him. It is so important to study his word so that you may know what his will and his ways are.... God's Word will be the new government of your life, not your fleshly desires. Therefore you must study it to know how to govern yourself accordingly.
- 4. Be willing to allow our Lord to crucify your flesh with its affections and lusts. It is a necessary and vital.
- 5. Seek you Lord Jesus Christ as to where would he have you to fellowship and be discipled.

Remember, as a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, you must also become a disciple, and a disciple is one who is taught the truths and principles his Master. Your Lord has appointed gifts in the Church to perfect you. (Ephesians 4:12) That is why it is vital that you allow him to plant you into a ministry that is not religious nor following vain traditions, but where he is lording through the Holy Ghost.

And lastly, please remember, be patient! This walk is a process. One step at a time, as you "walk after the Spirit" and not after the flesh. (Romans 8:1)

Your lord will not condemn you nor cast you aside if and when you stumble and fall or error in his word. He is ALWAYS with you. When you need help call upon him. He is just a prayer away!

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5

When you do not know what to do, ask your heavenly Father for wisdom. He will freely give it to you. (James 1:5)

May God our Father continue to enrich and enlighten your Spirit.

Jesus Christ is both Lord and Christ. To him be Praise, and Honor, and Power and Glory. Amen.

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