

Class # 6
“Jesus: God’s Son, Man of History”

Jesus made some pretty radical claims about Himself. We’ll begin by looking at the claim that Jesus makes on our lives. He is God, as we’ll see next week, and has the right to make these claims on our lives.

(I) DEFINITION OF LORDSHIP

2 Corinthians 5:14, 15

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

- the Lordship of Jesus Christ is the daily submission and surrender of our entire self to the authority and leadership of Jesus, recognizing His sovereign right to rule over us. (Colossians 1:18).

Colossians 1:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

(II) WHAT IS CHRIST’S PLAN FOR HIS DISCIPLES?

(A) Luke 9:23 states the heart of discipleship.

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

²³ Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

(B) Deny yourself - Putting the Lord and others first; refusing to live my life to please myself.

(C) Take up your cross daily - Submitting our will to the will of God. Luke 22:42.

Luke 22:42 (NIV)

⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

(D) Follow me - Following Jesus and no one or nothing else. Matthew 4:19; 1 Peter 2:21.

Matthew 4:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

1 Peter 2:21 (NIV)

²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

(E) The whole principle of Lordship is the removal of self off of the throne of one's life, and the invitation to Jesus to sit on the throne and rule, trusting Him to do what is best for us.

(F) The battle of submission: two reasons why people do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of their life.

(G) We're afraid God may ask us to do something we don't want to do.

(H) We are not sure that God has our best interest at heart. Jeremiah 29:11.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

(III) HOW DO I KNOW IF JESUS IS LORD OF MY LIFE?

(A) We show our love for Jesus by obeying His commands. John 14:15, 21, 23.

John 14:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will obey what I command.

John 14:21 (NIV)

²¹ Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

John 14:23 (NIV)

²³ Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

(B) We must read the Word of God, see what God's will is for our lives and then we must do it. James 1:22-25.

James 1:22-25 (NIV)

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

²⁵ But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

(IV) WHAT IS THE BLESSING OF PUTTING CHRIST FIRST IN MY LIFE?

(A) 1 Peter 3:15-16

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵ But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

(B) Romans 12:1-2

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

(C) Romans 6:22

Romans 6:22 (NIV)

²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

(D) The Lordship of Jesus Christ is the most crucial issue of any Christian's life. We are all aware of those around us who are reaping in their lives the by-products of their lack of obedience. Jesus has our best interests at heart. We must give Him our entire life and we must live only for Him daily. Only then will we experience the full life that He has promised us. As we continually confess Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, we are assured of true faith living in our hearts. (Romans 10:9-10)

(E) More passages concerning discipleship

1. Lives:

Gal. 2:20

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Phil. 1:20; 2:13

Philippians 1:20 (NIV)

²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Rom. 12:1-2; 6:4-13

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Romans 6:4-13 (NIV)

⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--

⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.

¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

I Cor. 6:19-20

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

2. Time:

Eph. 5:15-16

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV) ¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Colossians 4:5

Colossians 4:5 (NIV) ⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

I Peter 1:17-19

1 Peter 1:17-19 (NIV) ¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

3. Actions:

Luke 6:46-49

Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

⁴⁷ I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice.

⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

John 13:13-15

John 13:13-15 (NIV) ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Col. 3:17-23

Colossians 3:17-23 (NIV)

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

Gal. 5:16-18

Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV) ¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the

desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

4. Thoughts/Words:

Ps. 19:14

Psalms 19:14 (NIV) ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Pro. 3:5-6

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Col. 3:1-3

Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

5. Possessions:

Mat. 6:19-21

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

II Cor. 9:6-8

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Pro. 3:9

Proverbs 3:9 (NIV) ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

