

# **The Lordship of Jesus Christ – Part 2**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Christians continue to have a whole host of problems.

1. Worry is one of them - we worry about the unknown.
2. Loneliness is a common problem as well.

B. Why is it that we as Christians do not have the abundant peaceful life?

1. We have been positionally changed in Christ, but we still live in reality.
2. Christianity is a life to be lived within a real world with real people.
3. We have some of the same problems that everyone else does.
4. Often we have accepted our position, but we hold on to the same conditions of the previous life.
5. Sin in our life creates misery - we cannot be the same.

## II. John 8:31.

A. The importance of abiding in Jesus.

1. We need to learn how to continue in the Word of Christ.
2. Have you committed your life, and not just your soul?
3. We want to avoid commitment - we want “free love.”
  - a. In selling or buying, the important thing is commitment.
  - b. Being committed costs us something.

## III. Commitment.

A. To a person.

1. When we received salvation we entrusted our life to Jesus. (1 John 5:11-12)
2. It was Jesus’ commitment here.

B. Lordship. (Philippians 3:7-8)

1. Part of Paul's commitment was to make everything accomplished in his life meaningless compared to the task of knowing Christ.

2. Taking up your cross and following Christ. (Luke 9:23)

a. Too many people are driven by money.

b. Too many people are hooked by success.

3. Some as of yet have to commit their entire life to Jesus. A Lordship decision is not always simultaneous as a salvation decision.

a. Not a matter of simply doing more.

C. We have committed to a life with Christ. (Romans 6)

1. There is no way that we can work our way into a better relationship with God.

2. Lordship involves:

a. A commitment to Christ as Lord of one's life.

b. An identification of Christ's life with ours.

3. The Lordship of Jesus Christ has to do with an absolute commitment to a person, not an action.

D. Willingness to pay a cost. (Luke 14)

1. Not a matter of seeking suffering.

2. A matter of realizing the reality of the cost.

3. When you make a commitment to Christ it may well involve giving up something.

a. Example of international believers who gave their lives.

b. Sending missionaries into China on a one way ticket.

4. There is a cost to buying the truth. (Proverbs 23:23)

5. We are committed to the cause of the gospel.

a. Unless you are committed to the idea that man has infinite worth, than you will never share the gospel.

1) Freud saw most people as trash.

2) Bertrand Russell saw man as only an accidental collection of items.

3) This is precisely our attitude toward others sometimes.

6. We must be committed to people. (1 Samuel 10:26)

a. The Bible is totally involved with a Person and people.

b. As we are committed to a people, we are committed to a vision.

c. We have to be committed to other people.

1) Personal example of speaker committing himself to the leadership of another.

E. How you can be committed.

1. You need to be available to God. (Luke 9)

a. Allowing the “dead to bury their dead.”

b. Allowing God to send you. (Isaiah 6)

1) Examples of those who serve only lip-service.

2. You need to be available to man.

a. You cannot train someone who is not there.

b. To train someone you need to be with him or her.

1) Christ trained the ones who were with him.

2) One of the greatest tragedies of Jesus’ life was when He was preaching and many disciples departed on account of His teaching. Peter says to Jesus, where would we go?

3) If you have not committed yourself to Jesus’ Lordship, where will you go?

3. You need to be teachable.
4. Commitment is going to involve purity of life and thought. (2 Timothy 2:21-22)
  - a. Nothing will destroy the life of a Christian like impurity.
  - b. Personal example of the speaker stepping out of God's will as a young man.
5. You have got to decide that you are going to be committed; it does not come by osmosis.
6. Do you want to really be involved in what God is going to do for eternity? You need to make a decision.

#### IV. Conclusion.

A. God has got a call out on your life. Will you commit yourself?

#### **Application questions.**

1. In your own words describe what the distinction is that the speaker makes between entrusting one's salvation to Jesus and committing to Him as Lord.

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2. What is the cost of following Christ? What areas in your own life are you holding on to with a clenched fist and unwilling heart? Explain.

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3. Have you made a personal commitment to follow Jesus as Lord? Why according to the speaker, is this the proper step for the believer?

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