

# Bible Thoughts

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## “Jesus Is Lord”

It was on the Day of Pentecost that Peter stated,

**“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”** (Acts 2:36) In Philippians 2:11 we read, **“And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”** These are just two of the numerous scriptures that identify Jesus as Lord. The word Lord is defined in Strong’s Greek Dictionary as: *“kurios (2962), koo’-ree-os from kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title):-- God, Lord, master, Sir.”* Therefore when one speaks of Jesus as Lord, he or she is recognizing Christ’s authority. Jesus Himself taught, **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”** (Matthew 28:18) However acknowledging Jesus as Lord is not limited to lip service as Jesus Himself warns, **“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord’ and do not do the things which I say?”** (Luke 6:46) In this article we will consider three areas wherein we magnify Jesus as Lord of our life.

### The Lord’s Church

We must always remember that the church which meets here in Bridgeview is not my church nor is it your church. It is the Lord’s church. Even if you have the opportunity to be involved in starting a new church, you must never forget that it is not YOUR church. Jesus promised to build HIS CHURCH. (Matthew 16:18-19) He shed HIS BLOOD to purchase the church. (Acts 20:28) Therefore, Jesus is the head of the church which is His body, **“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”** (Ephesians 1:22-23) Any church that is involved in activities that are not authorized by Jesus, (the head) as revealed within the pages of the New Testament is not submitting to the Lordship of Christ. It is imperative to always make sure that what we practice as a church is in harmony with the will of the Lord because Jesus alone has been given all authority. (Matthew 28:18-20)

### The Lord’s People

When we obey the gospel and wear the name Christian, we have chosen to identify ourselves with Jesus. But once again we must remember that our allegiance requires submission to Christ. When we claim Jesus as our Lord we must be willing to depart from iniquity. Paul states, **“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’”** (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:19) With Jesus as our Lord, we must be willing to take the time that is necessary to understand the will of the Lord as revealed within the scriptures. (Ephesians 5:15-17) With Jesus as our Lord, we must resolve to take a stand and live godly even though this will bring persecution, **“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”** (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:12) With Jesus as our Lord, giving our best in all that we do is our sole aim. (Colossians 3:23-24) Let us remember to keep Jesus and His teachings as our priority in life. **“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”** (Colossians 1:18)

### The Lord’s Work

Paul instructs, **“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”** (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58) Doing the work of the Lord in a successful manner requires working together as taught by Paul in Ephesians 4:16, **“From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which EVERY PART DOES IT’S SHARE, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”** Doing the Lord’s work involves being a laborer in the harvest, **“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”** (Matthew 9:36-38) Doing the work of the Lord involves being a light in the crooked and perverse generation. **“Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”** (Philippians 2:14-15)

### Conclusion

In closing, I am reminded of the following verses. **“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”** (Colossians 3:17) Paul gives the following instruction to the Christians at Rome, **“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”** (Romans 13:14) Let us also not forget, **“If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!”** (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:22)

Are YOU serving the Lord today? (Romans 12:11)

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