

Created After the Image of God

Lesson 10 – The Lordship of Jesus Christ

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1. Jesus Christ is now seated at the right hand of God the Father—He is Lord!
 - a. “The LORD says to my lord: **‘Sit at my right hand** until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’” (Psalm 110:1)
 - b. **“Exalted to the right hand of God**, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.” (Acts 2:32-33)
 - c. “Who then is the one who condemns? No one. **Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God** and is also interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)
 - d. “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, **where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.**” (Colossians 3:1)
2. Jesus is alive! If He’s dead then why listen to what He taught? Why obey His commandments?
3. Because Jesus paid for our sins on the cross, He has the authority to forgive our sins
 - a. **“But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”** (Matthew 9:6)
 - b. If while on earth He had the authority to forgive sins, what about now that He is in heaven?
 - c. “Then Jesus came to them and said, **‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’**” (Matthew 28:18)
4. We must sell our freedom to be saved—we are forgiven of our sins by becoming slaves of Jesus
 - a. Because we’ve all sinned, we all owe a sin debt we can never repay—it’s like making Interest payments on a loan without ever paying down a penny of the Principal
 - b. Christ paid-in-full our sin debt on the cross and has the authority to forgive our sins
 - c. When we make Jesus our Lord and Master, He purchases us as His slaves along with all of our sin debt and frees us from it. For example: when someone purchases a company, they not only purchase all of its assets but also all of its liabilities.
 - d. We’re now free from our debt of sin but now completely indebted to our Lord who owns us as His slaves—we’re no longer free to live how we want because we’re now slaves of Christ
5. We now belong to Him as His slaves and must live in obedience to Him as our Lord and Master
 - a. **“Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?** So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, **‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’**” (Luke 17:9-10), **“We are unprofitable servants.”** (NKJV)
 - b. “You have been set free from sin and have become **slaves to righteousness.** ... But now that you have been set free from sin and **have become slaves of God**, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.” (Romans 6:18, 22)
 - c. **“For none of us lives for ourselves alone**, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, **we belong to the Lord.**” (Romans 14:7-8)
 - d. **“You are not your own; you were bought at a price.** Therefore honor God with your bodies.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - e. “I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.** The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

- f. **"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."** (Philippians 1:21)
6. The Lord Jesus Christ is not a hard taskmaster—His yoke is easy and His burden is light
 - a. **"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man,** harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.'" (Matthew 25:24)
 - b. **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:28-30)
 - c. **"In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome"** (1 John 5:3)
7. Water baptism is where we make Jesus Christ our Lord, committed to obey all His commandments
 - a. Christ Himself was baptized and commanded His followers to be baptized
 - i. **"Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John."** (Matthew 3:13)
 - ii. **"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."** (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - iii. **"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,** but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)
 - b. **"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ... The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them."** (Genesis 3:7, 21)
 - i. In baptism, we "put off" our old sinful self and "put on" a new self as if clothed with Christ
 - ii. **"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. ... For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin."** (Romans 6:3-4, 6)
 - iii. **"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."** (Galatians 3:26-27)
 - iv. **"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self,** which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to **put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."** (Ephesians 4:22-24)
 - v. **"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self,** which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." (Colossians 3:9-10)
8. Before becoming a Christian, we must first count the cost to be sure we can finish
 - a. Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. **Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?** ... Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. **Won't he first sit down and consider** whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ... **In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."** (Luke 14:28, 31, 33)
 - b. It's not how we start but how we finish, it's better to not even start than to start but not finish
 - c. The Bible likens Christianity to running a race, it's about crossing the finish line
 - d. When I first became a Christian almost 30 years ago, I didn't know what I was signing up for—I went through times when I was living ungodly and almost didn't finish