

# The Bulletin

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### ***“Is Jesus My Lord?”***

By David A. Cox



“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” — (Matthew 7:21).

In Acts 2, on the day of Pentecost, Peter concluded his sermon by proclaiming that *“God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ”* (v.36). All who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ surely must admit that He is Lord! The Jews who gathered at Jerusalem believed that He was Lord and became followers of Him.

But what does it mean to say, “Jesus is Lord!”

#### **The Meaning of Lord**

First, the word “Lord” means “master, sovereign.” The word carries the idea of ruling with power and authority (Matthew 28:18). God demonstrated this power by fulfilling the prophecy of David in Psalm 16. God did not leave Jesus in the grave but raised Him up to sit on the throne of David (Acts 2:27-30). Therefore, Christ is Lord, seated on the throne and ruling over His kingdom.

So today, when people profess that Jesus is Lord, they proclaim that Jesus is on the throne ruling, and they are subject to His rule and authority. Whether men profess the Lordship of Christ does not change the fact that Jesus is Lord.

#### **The Implications of Jesus Being Lord.**

The obvious question now is, “If followers of Christ claim Jesus as Lord, then why are there so many different beliefs among His followers?” The fact is there should not be. Jesus once asked, “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46). The point Jesus was making is that to be a follower of His means more than just calling Him Lord. To serve Jesus acceptably as Lord means we will do what He says (Luke 6:47; cf. Matthew 6:21-23).

Acknowledging Jesus as Lord, we must give our lives wholeheartedly to Him, presenting ourselves as a living sacrifice and doing the things He commanded. This duty of obedience to our Lord is a responsibility we must all uphold.

In Acts 2, the Jews who Peter had convinced that Jesus is Lord and Christ asked the question, “What shall we do?” They understood since Jesus was Lord, they must submit to His will to be pleasing to God (Matthew 7:21). Serving God as a Jew was no longer acceptable. Jesus was and is the Lord, and the only way to please God is to do His will. This acknowledgment of Jesus as Lord brings about a transformation in our lives, a change in our actions and thoughts that align with His will.

Now, each of us must ask ourselves, “Is Jesus, My Lord?” The answer will be determined by what you and I do, just as it was in Acts 2. Let us all resolve that we will confess Jesus as Lord and follow and obey Him in all things. Let there be no misunderstanding that Jesus is Lord. We will all confess it one day (Philippians 2:9- 11).

To make Jesus our Lord, we must first believe in Him, repent of our sins, be baptized, and live a life of obedience to His teachings.

Let's make Jesus our Lord and do His will on this side of eternity.

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## **“RICHES FROM THE LORD”**

By Joe R. Price

*“The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it” (Proverbs 10:22, NKJV).*

Christians possess riches unknown to the world. Our heavenly treasures abound, and we praise God for the spiritual bounty He gives us in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). We do not measure our wealth in dollars, land holdings, stocks, bonds, commodities, or other material possessions. All these riches are fleeting and attended by sorrow (Ecclesiastes 5:10-17). Spiritual blessings are beyond the reach of moth and rust and thieves (Matthew 6:19-20). Here are just some of them:

**(1) Redemption From Sin By God's Grace (Ephesians 1:4-14).**

We are chosen, adopted, accepted, forgiven, saved, given an inheritance, and sealed.

**(2) Full Assurance of Understanding in Christ (Col 2:2-3).**

His disciples abide in His word, know the truth, and are freed from sin (John 8:31-32).

**(3) Prayer (Philippians 4:6).**

Our Father hears the prayers of His children, so we continue earnestly in prayer (Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

**(4) The Church (Ephesians 1:22-23).**

We are members of Christ's body and, therefore, "members of one another" (Acts 2:47; Romans 12:4-5). What a rich blessing to be brothers and sisters together in Christ (Matthew 12:46-50).

**(5) An Eternal Inheritance (Ephesians 1:18).**

Peter assures us it is incorruptible, undefiled, and reserved in heaven for us (1 Peter 1:4).

**(6) A Living Hope (Ephesians 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3).**

Our hope secures our souls because Christ arose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:19-20; Acts 24:15).

**(7) Joy (Philippians 4:4).**

We rejoice in the Lord always, in good and troubled times (James 1:2-4). God does not add sorrow to those He enriches (Proverbs 10:22). The world tries to do so, but we are of good cheer because Christ has overcome the world (John 16:33).

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## **“Letting People Know We Care”**

By Brian Meade

You may have at one time heard the saying, “People won’t care how much we know, until they know we how much we care.” It is a saying I have heard on several occasions, and maybe I have thought about it a little too much, but the first part about “how much we know” sounds a little off target anyway. It’s not our job to tell them how MUCH we know— but rather WHO we know.

The greatest way we can show we care about someone is introducing them to the Savior, Jesus Christ. That’s exactly what Andrew did, when he went and found his brother, Simon Peter (John 1:40-42). Peter was helped in so many ways that day, the very day he found the Christ! And so are we!

There are certainly many other ways to show you care about someone to be sure. You can call and check on them when they are sick or injured, you can send them a card in the mail, you can help them when they need money or other supplies, you can help them find a job when unemployed, you can give them a coat in cold weather, and we should do all of those things to show we care.

But most of all, teach them about Jesus to be saved. That shows we care about their soul, and we want them to be in heaven for all eternity.

**Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:**

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Daniel Holloway, Debbie Keplinger, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, Chad Harris, Eli Johnson, Jamie Jones, Mary Ann Holley, LuAnne Parrish, Billy Grisham, Burt Ward, Wesley Trimble, George Hutto, Angela Warren (Lisa Busby's friend who has cancer), B.J. Graves, Chandler McCain (Cancer), Michelle Hopper (Dan Cottrell's sister) has been diagnosed with cancer, Lowell Gann, and Stacy & Annette Meeks, Mike Timbes (Paul Johnson's neighbor who was diagnosed with lung cancer), Anita Harris' mother, Hillard Switcher, Dianne Johnson (Fred's wife), Kiefer Norman (Robbie Doles' relative), Evelyn Trimble was in the hospital for Pneumonia, but still has infection in her bones. Martha Cottrell (Dan's Mom) is in the hospital with double pneumonia, and for the family of Dianne Johnson's sister Natalie (she passed away last Monday).

Phil Campbell has a Gospel Meeting— May 4, 5, 6, & 8th.

With Tim, Dan, & Jeff Henderson doing the speaking.

Piney Grove has a Gospel Meeting— May 4, 5, 6, & 7th. With Lowell Sallee speaking.

**Those Who Serve:**

**Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

**Opening Prayer:**

Tim Harris Jr.

**Preaching:**

Brian Meade

**Sermon #1:**

*"Jesus Broke With The Conventional"*

**Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:**

Fred Johnson

**Workbook:**

1st & 2nd Peter & Jude

**Author:**

Paul Blake

**Starting Page & Question:**

*Page #38, Question #13*

**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

**Announcements:**

Dan Cottrell

**Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:**

Russell Briggs

**Scripture Reading:**

*Luke 9:57-62*

**Song Leader:**

Tim Harris Sr.

**Lord's Supper:**

Paul Busby

**Assisting:**

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**Preaching:**

Brian Meade

**Sermon #2:**

*"Good Intentions And Following Through"*

**Closing Prayer:**

Russell Briggs

**Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.**

**May 7, 2023**

**Auditorium Bible Class:**

Russell Briggs

**Workbook:**

Great Bible Characters: Paul

**Author:**

By Bobby L. Graham

**Starting Page & Question:**

*Page #66, Question #13*

**Invitation:**

Paul Busby

**Song Leader:**

Brian Meade

**Closing Prayer:**

Conner Whittemore

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# ***“Jesus Broke With The Conventional”***

Lesson Text: **Matthew 5:20-22.** Jesus Was Not A Radical, Liberal, Or A Revolutionist.

## **I. Jesus Taught To Correct Some “Wrong Concepts”**

- Lust, Divorcing, & Remarrying- **Matthew 5:27-28; 31-32.**
- Making Vows & Swearing- **Matthew 5:33-37.**
- Resisting Or Retaliation- **Matthew 5:38-42.**
- Hating Your Enemy- **Matthew 5:43-48.**
- The Sabbath Day- **Matthew 12:9-13; John 7:23; Mark 2:27.**
- God’s House For Prayer- **John 2:13-17; Matthew 21:12-13.**
- The Kingdom Is A Physical, Earthly Kingdom- **John 6:15; Luke 14:15; John 18:36.**
- Jesus Taught The Purpose & Meaning Of God’s Commandments.
  - Jesus Did Not Teach Anyone To Break God’s Laws- **Matthew 5:17-19.**
  - Nor Did Jesus Believe God’s Word Could Be Broken- **John 10:35.**
  - But Taught Obedience To The Father By Example- **John 15:10.**

## **II. Jesus Taught To Do Things In Secret, Not To Be Seen Of Men.**

- **Matthew 6:1-6; vs. 16-18.**

## **III. Jesus Taught Men Not To Be Exalted By Titles Or Garb.**

- **Matthew 23:6-12.**

## **IV. Do We Need To Break With The Conventional Today?**

- Correct Wrong Concepts Today.
  - Easter Tradition Of Once A Year Celebration Of Jesus’ Death.
  - Popular Religious Slogans Of Today:
    - “Join The Church Of Your Choice.”
    - “Everyone Has A Right To Their Own Belief.”
    - “There’s Good And Bad In All Denominations.”
    - “Give Me Relationship, Not A Religion.”
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 Peter 4:11.**
  - The Church Should Be A Place For Entertainment, Fun, & Recreation.”
    - Church Is More Like A Social Club— Than Focusing On The Spiritual.
    - Some Even Believe We Must Use The Carnal To Draw Them In.
    - Do All Churches Have Church Basketball Leagues, Ice Cream Socials, Paint Ball, Pizza Parties...
    - Did Jesus Ever Use Any Of This To Draw People To Him? **John 12:32.**
- The Church Is All About What We See:
  - Cathedrals, Acoustics, Lights, Choirs, “Show-Time!”
  - When Churches Help Others, They Often Boast All Their Accomplishments....
  - Do We Do All We Do To Please Men Or God? Are We Judging Successful Churches By Human Standards?
- Men Who Wear Religious Titles:
  - Reverend, Arch-Bishop, Pope, Moderator, Founding Pastor, Youth Minister, Minister Of Music.
  - Wearing Religious Garb Today?
  - Why Exalt Men? Where Is The Humility In That?
  - Do We Really Believe Jesus In **Matthew 23:12?**
- Are We Looking For The Plain Truth, And Nothing But The Truth?

# **“Good Intentions And Following Through”**

Lesson Text: **Luke 9:57-62.**

## **I. What Are Good Intentions?**

- Intention: “What one intends to do or bring about; determination to act in a certain way;”
- They Are Similar To Goals, Plans, & Anything We Resolve To Do.
- We May Have Intentions To Do Better Than We Have In The Past:
  - To Exercise, Lose Weight, And Eat Healthier.
  - To Be More Generous, Kind, And Loving To Others.
  - To Be A Better Wife Or Husband Or Son Or Daughter.
  - To To Better With Our Money & Finances.
  - To Do Something Kind For Someone Today.
  - Start A New Business, A New Hobby, Or Gardening....
- Good Intentions Are What Is Beneficial To Ourselves And Others.... For Good.
- What Greater Good Can One Do Than Doing God’s Will?

## **II. Why Do We Make Good Intentions?**

- They Are Often Made When Men And Women Hear God’s Word.
- Many Heard Jesus Preach The Gospel:
  - **Luke 9:57-62.**
  - **Luke 19:8-10.**
- Preaching & Teaching Calls Us To Obey God’s Will.
  - To Be A Better Follower Of Christ. **John 8:31-32.**
  - To Increase My Knowledge Of The Bible. **2 Peter 3:18; 2 Timothy 2:15.**
  - To Attend Faithfully The Services Of The Church... **Acts 9:26-28.**
  - To Share The Gospel With Everyone I Know. **Mark 1:17; Romans 1:13-16.**
  - To Be Christ-Like In All My Ways. **1 Corinthians 11:1.**
  - To Give Up Worldly Treasures For The Spiritual Treasures. **Acts 19:18-20.**
  - To Obey The Gospel And Live God’s Way. **Acts 2:40-42.**

## **III. Good Intentions Mean Nothing Without Follow Through.**

- **Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46.**
- Rich Young Ruler- **Luke 18:18-23.**
- The Two Sons- **Matthew 21:28-32.**
- Felix In **Acts 24:24-25.** But Did He Ever Follow Through? **Vs. 26-27?**

## **IV. Following Through With Our Good Intentions.**

- It Takes Good Planning With Desire To Follow Through. **Luke 14:28 (NKJB; ESV).**
- It Takes A Certain Level Of Knowledge To Accomplish. **Ephesians 5:17.**
- It Takes Action On Our Part To Make It A Reality. **Hebrews 6:10-12.**
- It Takes Prayers To God To Help Us Fulfill Our Intentions. **Matthew 21:22.**