

- Jesus also declares that believers could **become** disciples. (This was not automatically a part of salvation.)
- To be a disciple, a believer must “abide” or believe and **obey** the Word of God.
- This declaration is not referring to the act of believing for salvation, but to **obeying** the Word of God as a child of God.
- So the Lord Jesus makes a distinction **between** a believer and a disciple.

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Many believers in today’s church are not “**sold out**” to Jesus Christ.
- Our Christian lives are a tragic “**sham**” if we do not recognize Christ as the Lord of our lives!

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. What priorities in your own life are taking the place of Jesus Christ on a daily basis?
2. Would the Lord Jesus say you obey Him above all else?
3. Do you have a great desire to obey the Word of God at any cost?
4. Are you “faking” your walk as a professing believer?

FIRST PETER

Part 90

“Lord of All?”

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Last week we began to develop the biblical concept of “Lordship.” As believers, we must learn to obey the truth of Scripture and recognize our Savior as the “Master” over all of our life.

Obviously, the average believer struggles with this issue because in I Peter 3:15 there is an urgent command to do so. To be so in awe of our salvation that we daily recognize Christ as the real Lord of our life is not an automatic response. In fact, many professing believers do not live like Jesus Christ is the Master of their lives.

Let’s continue to pursue this most important topic.

an illustration in peter's life

Luke 5:1-11

THE COMMAND

- Peter has just finished his full "days" **work**.
- He was **tired** and **stressed** when the Lord Jesus approached him.

KEY INGREDIENTS

- Go out into the **deep** water.
- Lower your **net**.
- Prepare for a **large** catch of fish.

PETER'S RESPONSE TO THE COMMAND

- Peter addresses the Lord Jesus as overseer, **director**, or commander because of his **attitude**.
- He **reminds** Jesus of his nonproductive workday.
- He only agrees to lower **one** net! (Notice)

PETER'S CHANGE OF HEART

- In spite of a bad **attitude**, the provision of Jesus was supernatural.
- Peter recognized the **sin** of disobedience.
- He also realizes the sin was a result of his **view** of Jesus.
- At this point in his life, he began to respond to the Lord Jesus as **Master**, not just **Savior**.

THE RESULTS IN PETER'S LIFE

- Notice the **cost** of making Christ the "Lord" or "Master" of our lives in verse 11.
- They left **everything**!
- Look at the **new** assignment once Peter recognized the Lord Jesus as his Master.
- He would now be able to "**fish**" for "**men**."

THE DECLARATION OF JESUS CHRIST ABOUT LORDSHIP

John 8:31

- Those who had believed (in the past with present results) were the ones Jesus was **speaking** with.
- The conditional statement which follows, was only meant for those who had **already** believed.
- The word "believe" appears over **90** times in this gospel.
- The word "believe" means to **trust** in something or to **place** (direct) your faith in someone or something. (Note - Faith must always have an object.)
- Some of the places this word "believe" is used in John's gospel are: 1:12, 2:23, 3:15-16, 3:36, 4:41, 5:24, 6:35 and 7:38-39.
- Jesus was not **confused** about the meaning of the word "believe" when He uses it in John 8:31.