

BASIC CHRISTIANITY - 2 "The Lordship of Jesus"

Acts 2:36 (KJV) - Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Romans 10:9-10 (KJV) - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- We are saved by our acknowledging Him as Lord.
- Not confessing all our sins.
- Not confessing Him as Saviour. (He is that and more.)

3 Great Spiritual Realities

1. Who Jesus is
2. What Jesus has done
3. Why call Him Lord

A. Who Jesus is (His person)

1. Jesus is the Son of God (John 3:16 / Hebrews 1:8)
2. He is the 2nd member of the Godhead (Trinity)
 - (Deuteronomy 6:4 / II Corinthians 13:14)
3. He is the Christ; the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:13-19)
4. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18-23)
5. He is the only person to live a sinless life
 - (John 8:46 / Hebrews 4:15-16 / Hebrews 7:26)
6. His death provided full payment for all sins
 - (Romans 3:23-26 / I Corinthians 15:3 / I John 1:7)
7. He physically rose from the dead (I Corinthians 15:4 / Mark 16:6)
8. He ascended into Heaven (Mark 16:19 / Acts 1:9 / Revelation 1:18)
9. He is currently engaged in a ministry of prayer on our behalf (Hebrews 7:25)
10. He will one day return to earth as Lord and Judge
 - (Acts 1:9-11 / II Timothy 4:1 / Revelation 22:12)
11. He is fully human and yet fully God
 - People either ignore Him or worship Him
 - Hate and deny Him or call Him Lord

**A popular view of Jesus today is that He was a good man; great teacher and one worthy of imitation, but not God.

(Out of all that can and has been said of Jesus; this one is the most absurd.)
(They say He is no more God than you or me)

RESPOND: If Jesus is not God; He is not a good man, teacher or person. He is a raving lunatic; master manipulator; and very deranged, demon possessed person. No man can make the claims He made and not be locked up at best.

- "Search the scriptures; they testify of Me"
- "Before Abram was; I am"
- "I am the bread that came down from heaven"
- "Except you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have not life"
- "I will be crucified; but rise on the third day"
- "I am the truth; the way; and the life; no man comes to the Father but by Me"
- "Whosoever believes in Him though he were dead, yet shall he live; whosoever lives and believes in Him shall never die"

*Him being just a man is plain nonsense. He is either God made flesh or He is a fraud.

- If He wasn't a man, He could not of died for our sins.
- If He wasn't God; His death would not have mattered.

B. What did He do for us? (The Cross)

1. He was manifest to take away our sins (I John 3:5)
2. He was manifest to destroy the works of Satan (I John 3:8)
3. He was the full payment for our sins and its effects (Isaiah 53:5)
4. He has become surety of a better covenant (Hebrews 7:22)
5. He gives us peace with God (Romans 5:1)
6. He made us righteous before God (II Corinthians 5:21 / Romans 5:17-19)
7. He redeemed us from the curse of the law and God's wrath to come.
 - (Galatians 3:13 / Romans 5:9-10 / I Thessalonians 1:10 & 5:8-10)
8. He provided complete access to God's presence (Hebrews 4:16 & 9:24)

C. Why acknowledge Him as Lord (Our response - Faith, Obedience)

1. God proclaimed Him as Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36)
2. ... confess Him as Lord you shall be saved (Romans 10:9-10)
3. He died, rose again to be Lord of the dead and living (Romans 14:9)
4. He bought us with His blood (Acts 20:29)
5. No other name given (Acts 4:12)
6. Every knee bow; every tongue confess (Philippians 2:9-11)