

## Deity and Lordship of Christ

The deity of Christ is one of the most critical principles of Christian faith. Our salvation is based upon the fact that according to God's promises in the Old Testament, He came to earth, like a loving Father, to seek and save us, His lost children.

We must always be aware not to exalt any human to God's level. It is stated in the Bible that man did not become God, but rather God appeared in human flesh. The question is not whether God can become man (of course He can). The key question is why did He do it? (John 1:29)

### Different titles of Jesus and their meanings:

"Son of God" means God in flesh.

"Son of Man" means God in flesh.

Therefore when Christ was on earth he was 100% God and 100% man.

"Jesus" means God the Savior.

"Messiah" means anointed as King.

### 1) The deity of Christ is described in the Old Testament

The following verses, as well as many other verses, state that God is the Savior and **He will be coming to earth.**

- a) **Isaiah 25:9** *Surely this is our God. We trusted Him and He saved us.*
- b) **Isaiah 40:10-11** *The Sovereign Lord comes. He gathers the lambs in His arms.*
- c) **Isaiah 7:14** *He will be born to a virgin and His name will be Immanuel, which means God with us.*
- d) **Isaiah 9:6** *The child who is born will be called "Mighty God" and "Everlasting Father".*
- e) **Malachi 3:1** *The Lord you are seeking will come to His temple.*

### 2) The New Testament declare Jesus as God

The following verses as well as many others introduce Jesus Christ as God.

- a) **John 1:1, 14, 29** *The Word was with God and the Word was God. The word Became flesh and made His dwelling among us. The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*
- b) **1 Tim. 3:16** *The mystery of godliness was revealed: God appeared in a body.*

- c) **Col. 1:15-19** *Christ is the image of the invisible God. By Him all things were created. He is before all things, God's fullness dwells in Him.*

### **3) Jesus Christ Himself declared that He is God**

- a) **John 10:30-33** *Jesus said "I and the Father are one" and because of that the Jews wanted to stone Him for blasphemy.*
- b) **John 14:6-11** *"If you really knew me you would know my Father as well. Because anyone who has seen me has seen the Father, believe I am in the Father and the Father is in me, it is the Father living in me who is doing His work".*

### **4) Jesus Christ proves He is God with His deeds**

- 1) Creation of the world
- 2) Resurrecting the dead
- 3) Healing the blind
- 4) Commanding nature and silencing the storm
- 5) Forgiving sins
- 6) Accepting worship

### **Personal application**

In prayer talk to Jesus as God. Worship Him as God and tell Him that you want to know Him and to have an intimate and loving relationship with Him.

# Lordship of Christ

## 1) What does Lordship mean?

The word “Lord” means owner and master. An owner is one who owns property and can do anything He wants with His property.

## 2) Why is Jesus Christ Lord?

**Colossians 1:15-18** .....He is **before all things** and in Him **all things** hold together.

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## 3) Accepting the Lordship of Christ in our lives

Jesus Christ the Lord is Lord over everything and everyone. He is the Lord of the universe and rules over all things whether we accept His position as Lord or not. Although He is the Lord, our relationship with Him is not one of master and slave. His Sovereignty over our lives is based on the following principles:

- a. We wholeheartedly accept Him as our Lord because He bought us with His blood and we belong to Him.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** .....

**1 Peter 1:18-19** .....

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- b. We wholeheartedly accept Him as our Lord because He loves us and we also love Him.

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** .....

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- c. We wholeheartedly accept Him as our Lord because we trust Him.

**Romans 12:1** .....

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#### 4) Why is our life important to Christ?

According to **Revelation 3:15-16**, we can live our lives three different ways.

#### 5) Lordship of Christ must be seen in action and not words only

God wants us to show that He is our Lord by our actions and not just by our words.

**Luke 6:46** .....  
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Obedying Him is not for His benefit but for ours.

**Luke 6:47-49** .....  
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To proclaim Him as our Lord in action means that we give His will the highest priority in our lives.

**Matt. 6:33** .....  
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#### 6) Personal application

Now that you know the meaning of the “Lordship of Christ” and understand its importance, decide to glorify Him in your life with your actions. First pray about the following items, and then make a decision:

- ( ) **From this day forward, Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. I surrender my life to Him completely and joyfully, and commit to obey His Word in its entirety.**
- ( ) **From this day forward, I surrender my plans and objectives for .....  
(work, marriage, friendship, decisions) to God.**
- ( ) **From this day forward, I will arrange my life so that I can regularly attend classes, the church services, and the SHABAHANG group meetings.**
- ( ) **From this day forward, I declare Jesus Christ the Lord over my money, and to show that, I will regularly support the church with my gifts and offerings.**