



Lomax Online Bulletin

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Announcements:

Online service 10AM Sundays & 7PM Wednesday. Primetimers Class at 10AM on Wednesdays on Facebook

Contributions can be mailed to Lomax Church of Christ, PO Box 33 or made online (Lomaxchurch.com/give).

Mid South Youth Camp News:

MSYC has cancelled the first 4 weeks of camp cancelled from 5/31 to 6/26. They are planning to open for the last 4 weeks, from 6/28 to 7/24.

Meditations from Malcolm:

Sermons We Can See

I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day.
I'd rather one would walk with me than merely show the way.
The eye's the better pupil, more willing than the ear.
Fine counsel is confusing, but example is always clear.
The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creed.
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.
If you let me watch you do it, I can see just how it's done.
I can see your hands in action, but your tongue may run too fast.
And the sermons you deliver may be very wise and true.
But I'd rather get my lesson from observing what you do.
For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give.
But there is no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.
Matthew 5:14-16

"We count everyone, because everyone counts." "The son does always shine at Lomax."

Prayer Requests:

Spencer Clark, son of Adam & Maranda Clark, is Lewis County sixth grader who has bone cancer. **Update on progress:** he has 15 rounds of chemo treatments left, which will take place over 25 weeks. He has gained his weight back and is doing well. The tumor is isolated and should not spread, with a 98% cure rate.

Joanne Brewer has stage 4 pancreatic cancer and the family requests prayers. Many know her children: Ray, Ronnie, Robert & Melanie.

Gene Durham is home from his stay in the nursing home. He continues to have a very difficult time walking. Please continue to remember him and Ms. Hilda in prayers.

Sarah Rogers returned to her back doctor Friday and is still having problems.

Sympathy to the family Lucille Ridgeway, Brice Van Hook's grandmother, had cancer and passed away on Saturday night.

Sympathy to the family of Tina Spears Gaither, daughter of Janie Spears, she passed away on Saturday Night

Nell Bunch is home after an overnight stay in hospital. She is doing well.

Calling on the Name of the Lord Jesus by Donnie Debord

In the New Testament, an interesting thing happens with the phrase “the name of the Lord.” Throughout the Old Testament, the phrase had been used to describe God (Gen. 4:26, 12:8; 2 Kings 5:11; Is. 50:10; Joel 2:26; Zech. 13:3; Zeph. 3:12; Mic. 4:4, 5:4). Then, people began to refer to Jesus as having come “in the name of the Lord” (Jn. 12:13; Lk. 13:35; Matt. 23:39). Then they went a step further and acted in or called on the name of the Lord Jesus.

Jesus instructed his disciples to baptize people “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:20). In Acts 2:21 the prophecy from Joel 2 is quoted that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Then Peter declared that God had made Jesus “both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). In Acts 4:10, Peter said the crippled man was healed “in the name of the Lord Jesus.” In Acts 8:16, people were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. In Acts 19:5 people were “baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.” In Acts 19:13, “some itinerate Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits.” Paul said the Corinthians assembled “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (1 Cor. 5:4). Christians are “justified in the name of the Lord Jesus” (1 Cor. 6:11). Everything the Christian does should be done “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17).

Everything about the Christian life was done in or through “the name of the Lord Jesus.” Converts were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. People called on the name of the Lord Jesus. Christians are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Everything the Christian does is to be “in the name of the Lord Jesus.” When we see “in the name of the Lord Jesus,” we find a very important implication and a very important application.

Jesus is Lord

When we say, “in the name of the Lord Jesus,” we are implying that Jesus is Lord—he is equal to the Father and Spirit. Remember in Old Testament, the phrase had been used to describe God (Gen. 4:26, 12:8; 2 Kings 5:11; Is. 50:10; Joel 2:26; Zech. 13:3; Zeph. 3:12; Mic. 4:4, 5:4). So, when we read “the name of the Lord Jesus,” we read an affirmation of Jesus’ deity.

The LORD God was the Creator of everything created (Gen. 2:4). The LORD God made it to rain (Gen. 2:5). The LORD God made mankind (Gen. 2:7). It was “the LORD” who spoke to Moses from the burning bush (Ex. 3:4). God revealed his covenant name to be “I AM” which was translated as “the LORD” (Ex. 3:14). The LORD was to receive worship (Lev. 1:1) and worshipers must be pure to be accepted by “before the LORD” (Lev. 1:3).

Jesus is identified as the Lord in the New Testament because the New Testament writers recognized that Jesus was fully divine and active in the Old Testament as well as with them. In John 8:58, Jesus affirmed his eternal deity when he said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, ‘I Am.’” Jesus did not become divine as an honorific title from the Father or from the his followers after the resurrection. Jesus was fully divine and fully active as God in the Old and New Testaments. When we read “in the name of the Lord Jesus,” we read an affirmation of his deity.

Jesus’ Lordship is the Hub of Christian Life

Jesus is Lord means Jesus is fully divine. What does that mean for us? It means that everything we do should be pleasing to him and we should recognize everything we do is completely dependent upon him because he is fully God. To “call on the name of the Lord” then has to do with 1) the recognition of who Jesus is; 2) the recognition that Jesus, as Lord, is able to act as God; and 3) that the

person appealing to the name of the Lord or acting in the name of the Lord does so in accordance with God's will to accomplish God's will. When we recognize Jesus as Lord, we recognize the necessity of acting according to his revealed will to accomplish his will as his dependents and ambassadors.

Everything about the Christian life is about Jesus as Lord. Our salvation is about Jesus' Lordship. Acts 22:16 says, "Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name." Colossians 3:17 says, whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 describes the return of Christ and ascension of the believers as brought about "by the word from the Lord" and "a cry of command" from the Lord. Just these three verses encapsulate everything—everything about the Christian life is centered on and depends on "the Lord Jesus."

When Jesus is My Lord:

1. It is one thing to read "the Lord Jesus" and to mean "the Lord Jesus." Is Jesus your Lord? Think about what that means and what that would look like in the moments that make up your days.
2. If Jesus is your Lord, how are you serving him? Examine your life. Is Jesus' lordship over your life clear to you? Is Jesus' lordship over your life clear to others?
3. If Jesus is your Lord, how does that give you comfort? The pagan sailors who through Jonah overboard learned to pray to the Lord (Jonah 1:14) for comfort in the storm. Do we have greater faith and greater comfort than they did?