

# LORDSHIP

## NEVER CHANGING

— GREAT CONFESSION —

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“...you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

—Matthew 16:16

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“Early one morning a man came in to pray before the morning worship service began. Thinking no one was around him he began to pray, “Lord, take the cobwebs out of my life.” Just as he said this the pastor happened to walk past him and said, “Kill the spider, Lord.”

When the first century Christians confessed ‘Jesus is Lord’, the meaning was in the form of the most exalted sense of the word. Which is the reason many refused to say, ‘Caesar is Lord’. Not to dishonor the Roman government but that the honor of such a title belonged to only one, Christ alone. The title, in this case, was meant to acknowledge divinity, and only Jesus qualifies to make the claim of God.

The apostle Paul said, “if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9, which Paul is quoting from Deuteronomy 30:14-16. The whole point of which is to obey the commandments of the Lord showing your love for Him.

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John 6:29 is Jesus responding to a question, “what must we do, to be doing the works of God?” “This is the work of God”, Jesus says, “that you believe in him whom he has sent.” The question was in the plural and Jesus answers with, there is only one work, belief that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God. Jesus is Lord.

The Great Confession which like Peter confessed, is not just the utterance of a group of words and syllables, not just a mental assent, not some magical words, but is to be believed and once believed this confession is just the beginning of the Lordship of Christ in your life.

That is the intent of Deuteronomy 30 and all the way through the New Testament, it has not changed because Jesus has not changed. Saving faith is a gift to you, believing who Jesus is not only saves you from the wrath of God, but in now allows you to live for him as Lord of your life.

Confessing ‘Jesus is Lord’ saves but it comes with the full weight of the word that those who call him ‘Lord’ should do what he says, (Luke6:46). What cobwebs need to be cleaned out of your life? What spiders need killing? The Lord will do it. Live in freedom, hope and fulness of life, and let Jesus rule.