

Salvation implies we believe from the heart that Christ is the only way to God, and therefore commit to follow Him as Lord of our life, as He clearly declared:

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Mat. 10:32: "Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

John 8:12: "Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.'"

Then, the apostle Paul said in 1Tim. 2:5: "For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus."

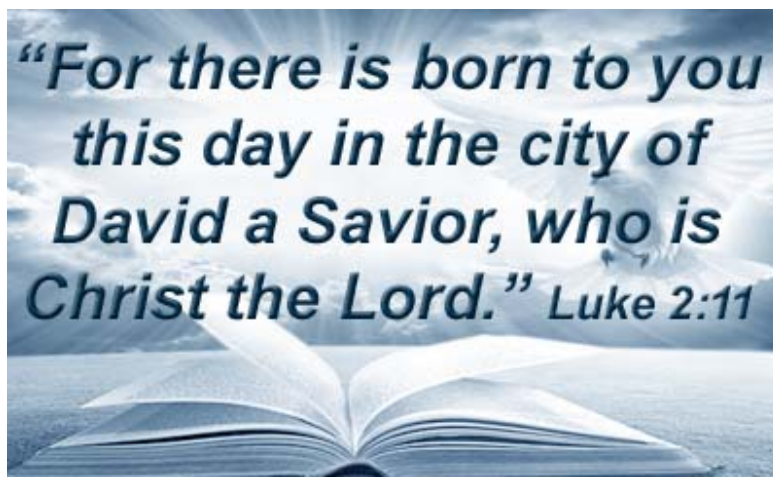
What is the core element required to follow Christ as Lord?

Hebrews 11:6: "Without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Romans 10:9-10: "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Is my faith anchored in Christ, and do I follow Him as Lord of my life?

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How does the Word of God define Christ as Lord over all creation?

1Cor. 8:6: "For us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we live."

Col. 1:15-17: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

Acts 2:36: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

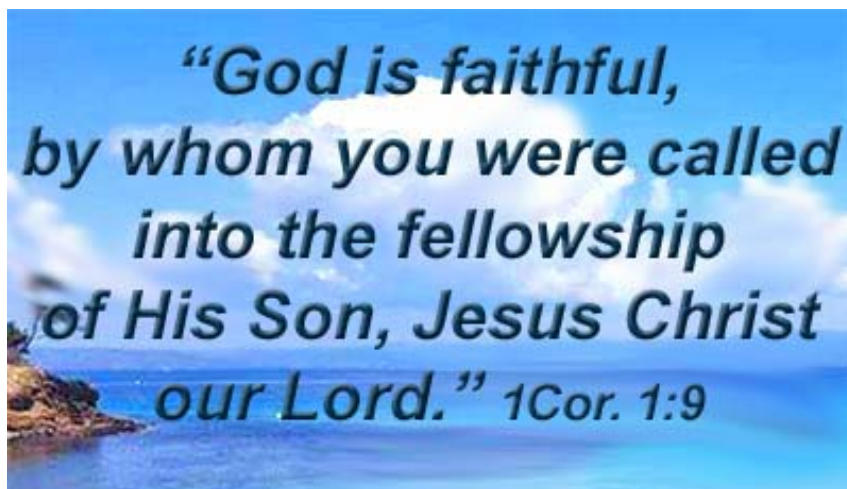
Romans 14:9: "For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living."

Rev. 17:14: "He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful." Finally, Jesus himself clearly stated:

John 13:13: "You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am."

Is it clear to me that the Lordship of Christ in my life is not an option, but rather that we must surrender to Him as Lord to support our confession of faith in Christ?

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Why is the Lordship of Jesus Christ associated with salvation?

Philippians 2:9-11: "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Hebrews 5:9: "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him."

1John 5:3: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."

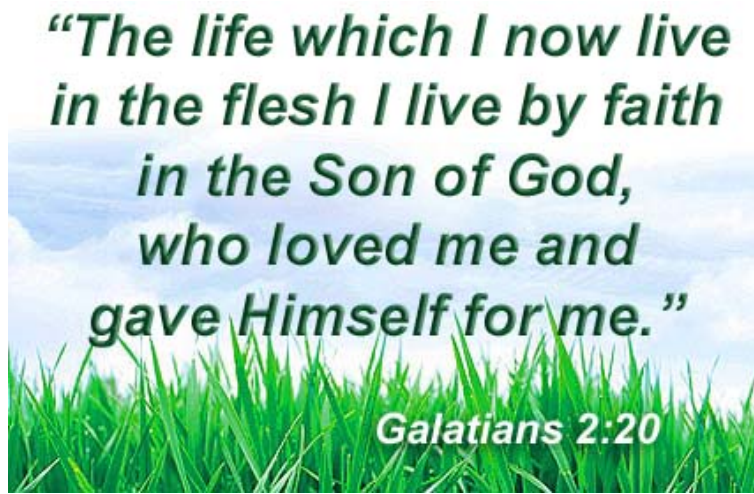
What does following Christ as Lord produce in a believer's life?

John 14:21: "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

John 14:23: "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

Am I in fellowship with Christ, and as such honor Him as Lord of my life?

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How can we live by faith in Christ and honor Him as Lord of our life?

Col. 3:17: “And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

John 15:9: “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.”

1Cor. 15:58: “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

2Cor. 10:5: “Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

Luke 12:35-36: “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.”

2Peter 1:2: “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”

Why?

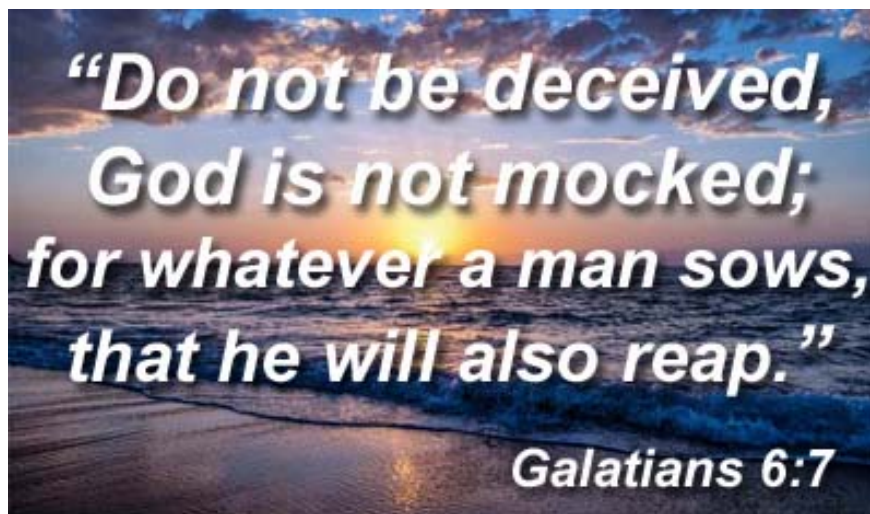
Jeremiah 17:10: “I, the LORD, search the heart, / test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.”

Gal. 2:20 (a) “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.”

John 15:14: “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”

Am I living to follow Christ as Lord of my life?

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What pitfalls must we avoid so as to live as Christ taught us and truly follow and serve Him as Lord?

1John 4:1: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

Romans 6:16: "Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living."

Colossians 2:8 says, "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."

Romans 16:17-18: "Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. Such people are not serving Christ our Lord."

The very reason why Jesus said in Matthew 7:21: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Let's reflect on Jesus question in Luke 6:46: "Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

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