THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

LORD

The title he rules by

Romans 14:7-9

OBEY

Luke 6:46

JESUS

The name we receive

Matthew 1:21



RECEIVE HIM

John 1:12

CHRIST • SAVIOR

The title we believe

Acts 3:19-20

BELIEVE • RETURN

The Physician for sinners

Mark 2:17

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Where Jesus Christ goes, he goes as Lord. Where he lives, he rules.

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THE GREATEST TRUE STORY

The gospel is the greatest love story in the midst of the greatest battle ever told. It includes God's promise and plan of salvation, but it is ultimately about a person: Jesus. God has given us eternal life, and that life is found in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son does not have life (1 John 5:11-12). That testimony leads every person to ask: Do I have the Son? How do I receive him?

JESUS: THE NAME WE RECEIVE

The angel told Mary to name her son Jesus (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is not an idea, a system, or merely a moral example. He is the person we receive. To all who receive him and believe in his name, he gives the right to become children of God (John 1:12-13). Eternal life begins with receiving and believing in Jesus.

LORD: THE TITLE WE OBEY

Jesus asks, 'Why do you call me, Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say?' (Luke 6:46). His title Lord exposes our desire to rule our own lives. The problem is independence; the needed response is submission. God has exalted Jesus above every name, and every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:9-11). Where Jesus lives, he rules.

CHRIST: THE SAVIOR WE NEED

Christ means God's promised, anointed Savior. Jesus said the healthy do not need a doctor, but the sick do; he came to call sinners (Mark 2:17). This title exposes our second problem: sin. We are not spiritually healthy people who need minor improvement. We are sinners who need mercy, forgiveness, and rescue. Like the tax collector in Jesus' parable, our honest prayer is, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner' (Luke 18:9-14).

RECOGNIZE AND RESPOND

Acts 2:36 declares that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ. The gospel calls us to recognize who Jesus is and respond to him: receive Jesus, believe in Christ, and obey the Lord. We repent - turning from self-rule and sin - and entrust ourselves to Jesus as Savior and Lord. Scripture calls us to repent and be baptized, with the promise of forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

A PERSONAL INVITATION

What is keeping you from receiving and believing in Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Our prayer is that the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness would shine in your heart, giving you the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6).

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