**R783\_Rumination for Feb. 2, 2020 by K.C. Ung**

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The **T**ext: *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is* ***Christ the Lord.***Lk. 2:11

The **T**hots:

1. **The Connotation and Concept of *Christ is Lord*.**
2. The **C**onnotation:
3. The Gk. *Kurios* occurs 717 times, mostly in Luke’s Gospel and Acts (210,) and Paul’s epistles (275).
4. *Kurios* appears over 9,000 times in the Septuagint; 6,156 times translate the Hebrew *YHWH.*
5. When *Kurios* isused of the Lord Jesus, its **D**eep significance implies **D**ivinity. Dr. JD Watson
6. The **C**oncept: It ascribes **D**eity to Christ, as…
7. *Every tongue should confess that Jesus* ***Christ is Lord****, to the glory of God the Father.* Phil. 2:11
8. *And Thomas answered and said unto Him,* ***My Lord and my God****.* Jn. 20:28
9. *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.* Rom.10:9, HCSB

1. **Christ, Conceived of the Holy Spirit, was Born as *Christ the Lord.* Luke 2:10-11**
*The angel said…* ***F****ear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.* ***F****or unto you is born this day in the* ***C****ity of David a Saviour, which is* ***Christ the Lord****.*

***F****or that which is* ***C****onceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.* Mt. 1:20, NKJV

1. The **W**ise men saw Him and **W**orshipped Him. Mt. 2:11a

*When…they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him:*

1. They came **P**repared and **P**resented unto Him Gifts. Mt. 2:11b

*When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

1. **The Confession of Christ as Lord to be Saved. Rom. 10:9, HCSB**
*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.*

1. To be **S**aved, **C**onfess **C**hrist as **S**aviour and Lord. [See Reflections for the Week]
2. The **C**onfession of Him as **S**aviour and Lord is **S**imultaneous.
3. The **C**ontradiction - His Lordship over us is not **S**ubsequent to our **S**alvation!
4. **C**ompare Thomas’ **C**onfession: *Thomas…said unto Him, my Lord and my God.* Jn. 20:28

1. **His Call for us to Serve Him as our Lord.**
2. *Ye call Me* ***M****aster and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.* Jn. 13:13

The Lord is our Master; we are His bond-slaves. Eph. 6:5, NKJV

Cf. *Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh,*

*with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ*;

1. *And why call ye* ***M****e, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?* Lk.6:46

“He is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all!”

1. *He fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?* Acts 9:4-6
2. Saul **I**nquired and **A**ddressed Him as Lord: *he said, Who art Thou,* ***Lord****?*
3. Jesus **I**dentified Himself and **A**dmonished him as Lord*: the* ***Lord*** *said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest*
4. Saul **I**mplored and **A**cknowledged His Lordship:

*And he trembling and astonished said,* ***Lord****, what wilt thou have me to do?*

1. *And the* ***Lord***[**I**nstructed]…*him,* ***A****rise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*
2. **At His Second Coming He will be Acknowledged as Lord of Lords.**
3. His **C**oronation as **Lord**. Phil. 2:10-11*At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is* ***Lord****, to the glory of God the Father.*
4. His **C**oming as **Lord of lords**. Rev. 19:11, 16

*And I saw heaven opened…and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True…*

*And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND* ***LORD OF LORDS***

1. **Our Commitment to the Lord.**
2. Be in the **S**pirit on the **Lord’s Day** – *I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.* Rev. 1:10
3. **S**hare at the **Lord’s Table** – I Cor. 10:21, HCSB

*You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons.*

*You cannot share in the Lord’s table and the table of demons.*

1. **S**up at the **Lord’s Supper** and Remember Him as Lord – I Cor. 11:20, 26

*When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.*

*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.*

*How happy are Thy servants, Lord, Who thus remember Thee!*

*What tongue can tell our sweet accord, Our perfect harmony?*

*Who Thy mysterious supper share, Here at Thy table fed,*

 *Many, and yet but one we are, One undivided bread.* Charles Wesley

**Reflections for the Week R783**

1. Is surrendering to Christ as Lord a subsequent stage after our Salvation?

*Here's the heart of the so-called (and tragic) Lordship Salvation debate…*

*There's something seriously wrong with a theology that teaches that there is a difference between "accepting Jesus" as Savior and then at some later date accepting Him as Lord when there's absolutely no such dichotomy or distinction in Scripture. It is, in fact, a denial of "one Lord" (Eph. 4:5) to say that all one must do is "believe in Jesus" to be saved. After all, the "the devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19). They believe in the facts concerning Christ, and that's exactly what many today view salvation to be, just some vague belief, where no repentance is necessary, no change of life is expected, and no responsibility is demanded. Again, Romans 10:9-10 makes it clear that salvation is based not only on a recognition of Christ as Savior but on a confession of Him as Lord.*

*How could it be plainer?*

*What "one Lord" and therefore so-called Lordship Salvation means, is that true salvation results in an automatic change in the person who believes. True "conversion" (Latin convertere, "to turn around, transform") fundamentally speaks of a "new lordship."*

*No longer are we Lord, no longer is Satan Lord, but rather Christ is Lord. That's the very essence of salvation: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). There is no such thing as being justified without being sanctified, or spiritual life without spiritual living. Some object, "You're adding to the Gospel; all one must do is believe." No, we're not adding to the Gospel; that is the Gospel. Yes, all one must do is "believe," but such belief always results in obedience (Rom. 1:5; 16:26; 1 Pet. 1:2; see also faith, Feb. 8).*

* A Word for the Day: Key Words from the New Testament by J. D Watson

Is Jesus your Saviour, Master and Lord?

Would you be able to sing this chorus and mean every word of it?

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement
Didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master,
My heart shall be Thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live,*

 *O Christ, for Thee alone.* Thomas O. Chisholm

**REFLECT.**

1. What does it mean to have Jesus as Lord of your life?

What are the Challenges you are faced with and what Changes has it made to your Living?

Will you be able to sing with Francis Havergail and mean every word so expressed?

 **REFLECT**

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated,* ***Lord****, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love,* ***my Lord****, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.* Fran­ces R. Havergal

**Points To PondeR:**

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