**R917\_Rumination for Aug. 21, 2022**

The **T**heme: **Christ the Lord.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

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. **Jesus Announced as Christ at Birth. Lk. 2:10-11**
*The angel said…,* *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is* ***Christ the Lord.***

He was **Christ**, the Promised **M**essiah [*Christ* = Gk. *Christos,* anointed, i.e., the Messiah.] Strong

1. **S**imon Peter **A**ffirmed: *Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God*. Mt. 16:16
2. The **S**amaritan woman **A**nnounced:
3. *I know that* ***Messias*** *cometh, which is called* ***Christ****: when He is come, He will tell us all things.* Jn. 4:25
4. *Come, see a Man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the* ***Christ****?* 4:29
5. *And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard*

*Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the* ***Christ****, the Saviour of the world.* 4:42

1. Martha **A**dmitted and **S**aid unto the Lord:Jn. 11:27

*Yea, Lord: I believe that Thou art the* ***Christ****, the Son of God, which should come into the world.*

1. John the **A**postle **S**cripted: Jn. 20:31

*These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the* ***Christ****, the Son of God;*

1. **Jesus Affirmed as Lord and Master in Life. Jn. 13:13**

*Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.*

1. Saul of Tarsus was **C**onfronted **D**irectly by the Lord Himself: Acts 9:5, 6

*And he said, Who art Thou,* ***Lord****? And the* ***Lord*** *said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest…*

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

*And the* ***Lord*** *said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

1. The **C**ondemned **D**eceivers knew Him not as Lord though they **C**alled Him such: Matt. 7:21-23

*Not every one that saith unto Me,* ***Lord, Lord****, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;*

*but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.*

*Many will say to Me in that day,* ***Lord, Lord****, have we not prophesied in Thy name?*

*and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?*

*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.*

1. The **C**hallenge by the Lord to **D**o what He told them: Lk. 6:46

*And why call ye Me,* ***Lord, Lord****, and do not the things which I say?*

1. **Jesus Acclaimed as Lord in Death.**
2. *God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both* ***Lord*** *and Christ.* Acts 2:36
3. *Blessed are the dead which die in the* ***Lord*** *from henceforth:* Rev. 14:13
4. He is the **L**ord of **L**ife – Death has no grip over Him. I Cor. 15:55, 57

*O Death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

*But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1. He is the Resurrection and the **L**ife: Jn. 11:25

*Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me,*

*though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

1. He is Lord both of the Dead and **L**iving. Rom. 14:9
2. *To this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living.*
3. *I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;* Rev. 1:18
4. **Jesus Acknowledged Lord…**
5. At one’s **C**onversion. **Rom. 10:9**

*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as* ***Lord****, and shalt believe in thy heart*

*that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved:*

1. At one’s **C**onfession by the Spirit: I Cor**.** 12:3

*Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed:*

*and that no man can say that Jesus is the* ***Lord****, but by the Holy Ghost.*

1. At one’s **C**ommemoration of the Lord in the **C**ommunion Service: I Cor. 11:23-25

*For I have received of the* ***Lord****…the* ***Lord*** *Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:*

*And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

1. **Jesus Acclaimed Lord of Lords in His Second Coming:** Rev. 17:14
2. *These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is* ***Lord of lords****,*

***and King of kings****: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful*.

1. *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war…and His name is called The Word of God…*

*He hath on His vesture…a name written,* ***KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*** Rev. 19:11-16

***Christ the Lord*** *is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heav’ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

Charles Wesley

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 917**

1. Many Christians today are very flippant with the name of the Lord Jesus. Some would treat Him as a common peer and just address Him as Jesus, or even drop this name and address Him by more casual terms as *friend*, *pal*, *chum, mate,* etc.to bring Him down to the same level as themselves. After all, He Himself told His disciples, “*Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.* (Jn. 15:15). The Lord Jesus has the right to call us “*Brothers/Brethren*” (see Heb. 2:11, 12; Mt. 12:50) but have we the right to call Him, “*Brother*” in return? Cf. Lk. 6:46, “John 13:13 – *Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.”* Should we ape the casualness of relationships in our society today and adopt it into our relationship with our Lord?

How should the Lord be addressed and treated? **REFLECT**

1. On the other hand, there are the seemingly pious ones who are very free with their confession of “*Lord, Lord*” appendixed to all that they do and say, not unlike the Pharisees in Jesus’ days which prompted the Lord to declare in very terse warning terms His dislike of such hypocritical conduct as He decried them in their insincere behaviour, as follows: -

Matthew 7:15-23 – *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits…Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto Me,* ***Lord, Lord****, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.*

*Many will say to Me in that day,* ***Lord, Lord****, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them,* ***I never knew you****: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.*

Five virgins were not prepared with sufficient oil to wait for and welcome the Bridegroom. They had to go out to purchase extra oil. When He came, they were not back yet. They were too late and could not get into the house! No amount of pleading could open the door – *Afterward came also the other virgins, saying,* ***Lord, Lord****, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you,* ***I know you not.*** (Matt. 25:11, 12)

This was again confirmed in Luke 13:25, NKJV –

*When once the master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying,* ***'Lord, Lord****, open for us,' and he will answer and say to you,* ***'I do not know you****, where you are from,'*

In all instances, the people never knew the Lord and no amount of so-called outward profession could override the compulsory condition of having the Lord knowing us!

To those who know the Lord, He also has this to say:

Luke 6:46 – *And why call ye Me,* ***Lord, Lord****, and* ***do*** *not the things which I say?*

And one thing He firmly asked His disciples (and therefore us) **to do** was, as recorded by Paul in I Cor. 11:23-26 – *For I have received of* ***the Lord*** *that which also I delivered unto you, That the* ***Lord Jesus*** *the same night in which He was betrayed took (a) bread:*

*And when He had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you:* ***this do*** *(b) in remembrance of Me.*

*After the same manner also He took the (a) cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood:* ***this do*** *ye, as oft as ye drink it, (b) in remembrance of Me. For as (3)* ***often*** *as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.*

Have you been faithfully obeying and remembering the Lord in the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper in three areas: (a) eating the bread and drinking the cup as symbolic of your participation in His Body sacrificed in substitution for you and in His Blood shed for your redemption; (b) remembering and revering Him and Him only; and not allowing other thoughts to crowd the issue so that the Focus is no more on Him; (c) as *often* as you can; at least once a week on the Lord’s Day as the early church did (Acts 20:7) and not just every month or worse, once a year which cannot be termed “*often*”! **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *Jesus Christ is either Lord of All or not at All!*