

LORD, LORD

Hello, I'm Jim Fuller. I'd like to take a few minutes and share some scriptures with you, and believe for the Holy Spirit to give us a revelation that will enable us to grow in our relationship with God.

The Earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it. Psalm 24:1 This scripture would include all of us and everyone we know.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6.19+ 20

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold the one and despise the other. Matthew 6:24

Why you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say? Luke 6:46

Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my father who is in heaven. Matthew 7:21

In all of these scriptures that I just read, the word translated Lord is the Greek word *kyrios*.

kyrios – a person exercising *absolute ownership rights*

If we read these scriptures with our natural senses that we inherited from Adam we may get some very reactions in our emotions and our thoughts. Reactions that range from, loss of independence, surrender of control, loss of freedom, all the way to bondage and oppression.

Let me share a few scriptures that show us why we have these reactions. God is a spirit. Everything he says and everything he does is also spiritual.

Romans 8:6 says that

the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace...

In his first letter to the Corinthians Paul states that,

Natural man does not accept the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. That's 1 Corinthians 2:14

Paul stated in 2nd Corinthians 3:6

That the letter of the word kills, but the spirit gives life.

The first five scriptures that I read, have been preached many times by people using their natural perception, without revelation from the Holy Spirit. It comes across as a very forceful presentation that God is God, and because he has all authority, and all power, you must submit and obey or suffer the consequences.

Here are three statements that Jesus said about himself,

He said that you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

He said that the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth.

He also said that I am the truth, I am the way, and I am the life.

The word truth used in the New Testament, is the Greek word *aletheia*. It means reality.

Jesus didn't come and give us commands to browbeat us and pummel us into submission. He came to be the reality of God's life to us, that sets us free, and saves us to the uttermost as stated in Hebrews 7.25 I looked up the Greek word translated, to the uttermost, it means completely, perfectly, and eternally.

God's supernatural plan was to restore man to his original created image and relationship with God. That was spoken in Genesis 1.26.

He did this by coming as a man born of woman. Luke 1.35

He placed all of mankind in Christ, and then crucified, buried, and raised them from the dead, making it possible for them to be reconciled to God.

You can read about it in Romans chapter 6

His work on our behalf enabled us to become life-giving spirits, recreated in the image of Christ. 1st Corinthians 15.42-49

As I stated before, God's plan is supernatural. He's the only one in the universe who could do this for us.

The gospel is not a religion it's a supernatural act of God. Because of his great love for us, He reconciled us back into fellowship with him.

No religious effort of any kind, no teachings, no doctrines, forms of behavior, or religious rituals, can produce these results. God is the only one in the universe who could have done this for us, and he did it before we even asked, because he loves us so much. Religion is done by men and for men. The gospel is done by God and for God.

The lordship of Christ over God's creation, was not to suppress or oppress man. It was to redeem man from the authority of Satan's control and empower, equip, and elevate man to the place of fellowship that God intended for him to have. The place that man could never attain by the religious efforts, of his fallen nature.

Christ lordship over God's creations enables us, as new creations, to become members of his family, and citizens of his kingdom.

As I stated earlier,

Christ's lordship over God's creation, was not to suppress or oppress man. It was to redeem man from the authority of Satan's control and empower, equip, and elevate man to the place of fellowship that God intended for him to have.

Let's take a look at Ephesians 2.1

It shows our condition prior to the supernatural working of God on our behalf. It says, that, you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience (that would be Satan). Among them we to all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

God went to incredible lengths to redeem man back into fellowship with him. His incredible love for us compelled him to pay man's penalty for sin himself.

Colossians 1.12. shows our condition after God put all of mankind in Christ and allowed him to pay man's due penalty.

It says,
...giving thanks to the father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. For he delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

God put us in Christ by his own doing. We get the benefit of him supernaturally placing us in Christ, crucifying us, burying us, and raising us from the dead with Christ to eternal life.

Romans 6:20 states that

When we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, we derive our benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Because we have Christ as Lord of our lives, we are in position for him to empower us to accomplish the father's purposes.

Look at Matthew chapter 10.1.

And having summoned his 12 disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease in every kind of sickness.

Verse 7, shows his instructions to his disciples.

as you go, preach, saying, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons, freely you received, freely give.

In Acts 1.8,

After the resurrection, Christ told his disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, and that they would be his witness both in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, even to the remotest part of the Earth.

Jesus told his disciples that all authority has been given to Him in heaven and on earth. You go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. Matthew 28.18 We call it the great commission.

and Mark 16:20 says,

And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.

Jesus said a servant is not greater than his master, but it is enough that the servant become as his master.

This is exactly what the father intended, when he made Christ Lord of our lives.

As I mentioned before, Christ lordship in our lives equips us to accomplish the father's purposes.

Look with me for a minute at Ephesians 4.10

This verse is speaking of Jesus

He who descended is himself also the one who ascended far above the heavens that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service to the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

When Christ was exalted to the right hand of the father, he poured out gifts to us to accomplish his plan for us to mature and grow to Christ's stature.

Verse 15 says speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into him, who is the head even Christ.

Here's another one it's 2 Corinthians 2.4

And such confidence we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as Servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the spirit, for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

The word translated adequacy in these verses, means power, ability, and sufficiency from God.

Our equipping and adequacy come from being one with Christ our Lord, who has all authority in heaven and on Earth.

The lordship of Christ in our lives, also elevates us to the place that God intends for his family.

Romans 8:16 states that,

The Holy Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

In John 16.14 Jesus, speaking of the Holy Spirit says,

He shall glorify me, for he shall take of mine, and will disclose it to you. Everything that the father has is mine, therefore I said that he takes of mine, and gives it to you.

Ephesians chapter 2, shows the before and after of God's miraculous work on our behalf.

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, and you formally walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we to all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and we're by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

But God. How I love those two words!

But God, being rich in mercy because of his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, He made us alive together with Christ, by Grace you have been saved, and He raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the Heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, In order that in the ages to come he might show the surpassing riches of his grace and kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

We were raised and seated with Christ in the Heavenly places because of God's incredible love.

Our elevation with Christ is designed to fulfill God's heart for all people and every nation.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him, who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God. 1 Peter 2.9

In John 17.22 Jesus says,

The glory which you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one, I in them, you in me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that you did send me and You did love them, even as you love me.

God's heart for this world is that every man woman and child on this planet would become a member of his family and that every nation on this Earth would become citizens of his kingdom.

I pray right now for everyone listening to this video, that the Father would give us His spirit of wisdom and revelation. I pray that the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened, so that we can get a clear revelation of Christ as the Lord of our lives.

So that by faith we would receive our oneness with Him and allow Him to mold us into exactly what he created us to be in Christ.

I pray that we would allow him to be Lord in us, so that He can do super abundantly beyond anything we would ever dare ask or think by the power of his spirit that works in us.

God bless you.

Jim Fuller