

Give Him All the Keys

Introduction: There could be no better way to begin a stewardship emphasis than by saying, “Jesus Christ is Lord.” If this is settled, then all else is settled. If this is true, then every other issue will fall into proper perspective.

I) What does it mean to say, “Jesus Christ is Lord”?

- A) Early Christians knew that the term equaled Jesus with God.
- B) It was the earliest creed of the New Testament Christians and was an affirmation of their loyalty.

II) What right does Jesus Christ have to be Lord?

- A) He has the right of lordship because He is God -*John. 1:1.*
- B) He has right of lordship because He is Creator -*Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1-2.*
- C) He has the right of lordship because He is Redeemer -*1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Peter 1:18-19.*
- D) He has the right of lordship because of dedication -*Romans 12:1; Exodus 21.*

III) What are the implications of saying, “Jesus Christ is Lord”?

- A) It means obedience -*Luke 6:46.*
- B) It means our talents will be His -*Matthew 7:21.*
- C) It means that our possessions will be His -*Leviticus 27:30.*

Conclusion: John Sampey, at the close of first sermon of a revival, reached into his pocket and brought out a set of keys. Holding up the first key he said, “This is the key to my home. I have given God this key. Have you?” Then the next: “This is the key to my office. I have given God that key. Have you?” Holding up the keys to his car, his safe, he said, “ I have given God all these keys. Have you given him yours? It has taken me a lifetime to give God all the keys.” He has given God the key to every area of his life. This is what it means to say, “**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD.**”