

CHRIST'S DIVINITY

HIS LORDSHIP AND PREEMINENCE

INTRODUCTION:

- A. There has been a lot of discussion, both written and oral regarding the Divinity of Christ.
- B. It is hard for me to conceive of one who would deny that Jesus Christ was divine while in the flesh here on earth.
- C. The two terms in the title of this lesson are within themselves evidence of the Deity of Jesus.
- D. A religious radio station in Mountain Home with call letters KCMH, which stands for "Keep Christ Most High"
- E. I agree with the sentiment of this statement, but doubt very seriously if the individuals involved in the operation of the station really understand what it means!

DISCUSSION:

I. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- A. "CHRIST" - "Messiah" the anointed one, applied to priest anointed with Holy Oil. (Messiah) Prince who was to lead. (on "anointed" see Ex 30:30)
- B. "LORD" - Master, Owner, Sir signifies having power or authority - an owner Lk 19:33; one to whom service is due Matt 6:24; an emperor or king Acts 25:26; 2:36
- C. "PREEMINENCE" - to be first - used in relation to Christ being "first" in all things Col 1:18 (See also 1Cor 15:27)
- D. Many want Christ as "SAVIOUR" - Deliverer or Preserver but do not want him as their LORD (Master) nor do they want him to have FIRST PLACE in all things

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR CHRIST TO BE OUR LORD?

(Our Master, Owner, Sovereign, Ruler)

- A. God made Jesus Lord Acts 2:36; 1Cor 15:27
 1. Over David Matt 22:41-43; the apostles Jhn 13:13,14
 2. He is Lord over all Acts 10:36
 3. He is "Our Lord" 1Thess 3:11
 4. Lord of Lords 1Tim 6:15
- B. Only a sovereign king has legislative authority
 1. "to him hearken in all things" Acts 3:22,23
 2. Kingdom a monarchy not democracy governed by people, ecclesiastical councils, popes, elders, etc
 - a. Elders are spoken of as having "rule over you" Heb 13:7, 17 yet, not legislative
 - b. Their rule is administrative; they carry out the King's will. They must not be "self willed" Tit 1:7
- C. Laws superior to this world in their nature
 1. Not according to man's wisdom not appealing to carnal nature Rom 8:7

2. Sermon on Mt. "astonished" hearers Matt 7:28,29
- D. Laws superior to this world in their design and power
 1. Brings men to faith Jhn 20: 30, 31; Rom 10:17
 2. Convicts, persuades, Psa 19:7
 3. Saves mankind Rom 1:16; Jhn 8:32; Jas 1.21
 4. Basis for fellowship with heaven 2Jhn 1:9; 1Jhn 2:3
 5. "Laws" of this world have no such power
- E. "Lordship" demands responsibility to these laws
 1. Not enough to just call Him Lord Matt 7:21,22
 2. Cannot serve two masters Matt 6:24
 3. We must do His will and it regulates us in every area or relationship of Life Jas 4:15
 4. We serve Him by being obedient to plan of salvation; engaging public worship Jhn 4:24; care for spiritual brothers & sisters 1Cor 12:25; family, social, civil obligations Eph 5,6; Rom 13; procreation - Sowing the seed of the kingdom to produce more Christians
- F. "Lordship" demands accountability to these laws
 1. Lord has right to discipline Heb 12:5
 2. We will all give account 2Cor 5:10,11; Rom 14:12
 3. I am responsible individually to do what my Master requires of me Rom 14:4
- G. "Lordship" shows that Jesus has the right of retribution or punishment Matt 7:23; 25:30,41,46; Jhn 12:48

III. HE HAS PREEMINENCE IN ALL THINGS Col 1:18

- A. His name above every name Phil 2:9-11
- B. All in subjection to him except the Father 1Cor 15:27
- C. He is deserving of all glory, honor and praise 2Pet 1:16,17

IV. HIS SUBJECTS PUT HIM FIRST IN THEIR LIVES

- A. In their conduct
 1. Not conformed to this world Rom 12:1,2 no fellowship with it Eph 5:11
 2. Keep selves unspotted from the world Jas 1:27
- B. In their thinking, values, objectives
 1. Affections on thing above Col 3:1,2
 2. Seek first God's kingdom then material Matt 6:33
 3. We labor to be accepted of Him 2Cor 5:9
- C. In their destiny
 1. Our hope is heaven Col 1:4, 5
 2. We look for eternal life Matt 25:46

CONCLUSION:

- A. Have you subjected yourself to Jesus Christ, is He Lord of your life. is He your Master?
- B. Do you put Jesus Christ first in all things, does he have that place of prominence or preeminence in your life?
- C. If not, then you don't really belong to Him, but the Devil