

“The Kingdom of God!”

Part 19: “The Authority of THE King!”

Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:44-48;
Acts 1:1-11



Introduction: The reality is, if we are honest, we ALL want control in certain areas of our lives.

We arrived in this place by rebelling against God and rejecting HIS rule over us!

The solution is found in knowing who Jesus is and what He came to do and then in surrendering control of my life to HIM!

Disciples of Jesus find our greatest meaning and purpose in life in serving our Lord and King, Jesus Christ!

I. Disciples of Jesus acknowledge Him as Lord!

Acts 2:36, 16:31; **Philippians 2:9-11**: “... so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (vss. 10-11).

Matthew 28:18-20: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ...” (vss. 18-19).

If you are going to listen to what God says, you have to acknowledge that Jesus has the right to tell you what to do!

Submission and obedience start here, by acknowledging that Jesus is Lord!

Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, sending His Spirit to live within me, to give me new life and to RULE within me.

The old sinful nature wants to control us and Satan wants to destroy us and lead us into temptation.

Discipleship must begin HERE!! Disciples of Jesus must and will acknowledge that Jesus is Lord!

II. Disciples of Jesus submit to His reign ...

There is a very clear and dramatic difference between the submission taught in Islam and the submission taught in the Bible.

The very nature with which we are born is in active rebellion against God’s reign and wants to be in control!

Romans 8:7-8: “For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it CANNOT!” (vs. 7; see also, Isaiah 53:5).

Lighthouse “Vision Statement:” “**We exist to declare the reign of Jesus Christ over ALL things ...**” ... starting with US !!!!

One of the clearest evidences of the work of God’s Spirit within Jesus’ disciples is submission to His reign.

Hebrews 13:17: “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls ...”

III. Disciples of Jesus obey His commands!

It is not difficult to diagnose what is wrong in the lives of many Christians, their families and the church: **God’s Word is being ignored** and/or it is not being taught.

II Peter 3:16-18: “There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist, to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures” (vs. 16).

Acts 1:8 ... We who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are called, commanded and sent to be witnesses of Jesus Christ (Luke 24:44-48).

“Witness” = “martyr” ...

Matthew 16:24-26: “Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it!” (vs. 25).

Submitting to the reign of Jesus, you will desire to obey Him and you will learn that knowing what God’s Word says is the truth that will transform you and change your life.

The more you are able to say, “Jesus is running my life,” the more content, fulfilled and satisfied you will be as you glorify the King!!