One2One - Lesson 2
LORDSHIP

The **Lordship of Christ** is a central idea in Christianity that means Jesus Christ is not only Saviour, but also **Lord—one who has authority, rule, and rightful leadership over a person's life**. It's not just about belief; it's about **submission and transformation**.

Definition of Lord:

Strong's Definitions: *κύριος kýrios, koo'-ree-os; from κῦρος kŷros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title):—God, Lord, master, Sir.*

1. ***he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord***
    1. **the possessor and disposer of a thing**
        1. **the owner; one who has control of the person, the master**
    2. **is a title of honour expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master**

A New Master - **The One Who *is in charge***
Our constant battle & internal struggle: ***"My will be done VS Thy will be done "?***

"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

ACTS 2:36

Jesus is referred to as Lord 100 times in the book of Acts and 622 times in the whole New Testament, while being referred to as Saviour only twice in Acts and twenty-four times in the New Testament.

The biblical emphasis is overwhelmingly on the concept of Lordship. Lord means master, the one who calls the shots, the one who makes the decisions.

So this is the critical question:
Who rules my life?
Sin & satan?
Or Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

- **It is often evident in the way we live, the decisions and choices we make, and the fruit we display.**
- **Our attitude should be, not,**

Lord, what is Your will for my life, but Lord, what is Your will, and how does my life fit into that?

1. LORDSHIP AND SALVATION

- The starting point of salvation is the acknowledgment of the Lordship of Christ.
- Confessing Jesus is Lord implies a submission to His Lordship in every area of life.
- Not just certain parts.
- ***If Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.***

- We do not have the option of receiving Him as Saviour and not as Lord. He didn't leave that option open to us.
- We come under new management!
- Citizens of a new Kingdom! Under a new King.
- A New society! With new rules. New " clothing". New standards for living.
- A New Master!
- He makes everything new!
- Salvation is an all-or-nothing proposal.
- The old man dies, the new man lives!
- Crucified, buried and then raised to newness of life.
- Justification!
- Sanctification!
- Regeneration!
- Transformation!

. . . if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
ROMANS 10:9

2. LORDSHIP DEMANDS OBEDIENCE

Anyone who claims Christ as their Lord is expected to do what He says.

Intellectual faith and empty confession is not enough.

- ***Our choices are shaped by His teachings.***

- ***Lordship involves yielding control—letting go of the idea that you're the ultimate authority over your life.***
- ***Letting Christ shape your identity and direction***
- ***Trusting His will even when it's difficult***
- ***This is often described as "dying to self."***

If we say Christ is our Lord, our lifestyle should back up our claim. The tree is known by its fruit!
Seek first the counsel of God!

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"
LUKE 6:46

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."
MATTHEW 7:21

3.LORDSHIP BEGINS IN THE HEART

Submitting to Christ as Lord is not about following a set of religious rules and traditions.

Rather, Lordship is a matter of the heart.
Lordship begins as an internal submission of the heart.

- NB: We do not "follow our hearts ".
- Jeremiah says "the heart is desperately wicked…"
- We follow Jesus, His Word, The voice of Holy Spirit. The triune God leads our hearts.

- Our hearts are wicked.
- Our hearts are deceitful. It will lead us astray.
- It needs to be ruled by The Holy Spirit.
- It needs to be renewed and transformed by Him.
- As we spend time with Him in His Word, His Presence, among His people, our hearts are being changed.

If it is genuine, it will eventually manifest itself in outward obedience.

If Christ is Lord, it should result in inner change.

- ***Growing in qualities like love, patience, integrity, kindness, forgiveness, mercy etc***
- ***Turning away from patterns considered sinful***
- ***This transformation is often associated with the work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.***

LORDSHIP IS A CONTINUOUS WALK

We begin our Christian life by acknowledging that Jesus is Lord.

We must continue to walk under His Lordship for the rest of our lives.

Lordship is not having a one-time experience with God, but developing a lifetime walk with God.

The more we know Him, the more we submit to Him.

- ***Lordship isn't meant to be hidden.***
- ***Openly identifying as a follower of Christ***
  - ***Living in a way that reflects Him to others***
  - ***In the early church, calling Jesus "Lord" was a bold statement of loyalty, especially in contexts where others (like rulers) claimed ultimate authority.***

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him . . ."
COLOSSIANS 2:6

Personal Application

1. Are there **areas in your life** that you have not yet submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

2. Are your **relationships** under His Lordship?

3. Are your **finances** under His Lordship?

4. Is your **time** submitted to His Lordship?