“Submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ”

Intro: The life of the believer is to be marked by ____________. Many of our forefathers in the faith called these acts of obedience “The __________ of __________.”

A. When we speak of “The Marks of Grace” we are talking about the __________ and perceptible attitude and manifest __________ that come as the result of the __________ of God accomplishing the will of God in our life by the good work of the Holy Spirit.

1. As we witness the marks of God’s grace in our life we will see that we are bearing good fruit and gain __________ and __________ in the reality of our salvation!

B. If we are a people of God’s grace (saved by grace), then our __________ must _________ the __________ of grace.

1. This morning I would like to address one particular mark of grace, and it is “____________ to the __________ of Jesus Christ.”

1 John 2:3-6

I. We can intellectually __________ that we __________ know Christ.

A. By this we know that we know Him, if we __________ His ________________ (or, in other words, are in submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ).

1. This is a __________ of grace that salvation: the keeping of the commandments of our Lord!

2. While obedient ________________ to Christ does not bring salvation for salvation comes to us by grace alone through faith alone so that it is to the glory of God alone, it is an irrefutable, undeniable and necessary __________, effect, and outflowing ___ __________ and by it we can know that we know Him.

B. By this we can intellectually know that we do not intimately know Christ, if we do not keep His commandments! I say again, ________________ to the Lordship of Jesus Christ is a ________________ result of salvation. If personal submission to Christ’s Lordship does not exist, neither then does that person’s salvation!

1. It is as opposite as night and day, and obvious as life and death, if we do not keep His commandments by submitting to His Lordship, then He has no part of us. But, the one who keeps His Word, in him the love of __________ has truly been ________________ (that is, the love of God has accomplished its goal).

a. Rom 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become ________________ to the image of His Son, ...” God’s goal for us is not that we remain in our sin for He did not rescue us from the filth of sin that we would remain filthy, but that we be conformed to the ________________ of His Son!

b. As we ________________ that we are in actuality being conformed to the image of Christ, “by this ______ _________ that we are in Him.”
II. Submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ as expressed in I John 2:3-6 is a mark that must grace the life of the believer.

A. The word “submit” as found in James 4:7 means “to ___________ ________ in an orderly fashion.” It is to subjugate oneself to the extent of ___________ our self to God Almighty.

1. God is not a fallen human master, but the Good and Holy ___________ who ___________ ______ with a price - the precious blood of His Son!

2. We are like sheep who want to go their own way, being selfish in nature. But, such is not the way of the true ___________ for their nature has been ___________. The true believer’s life is not marked with rebellion and selfishness, but with the grace of submission to God!

B. In the N.T. the word “Lord” appears some one hundred times along with the name Jesus, as in “Lord Jesus.” The word “Lord” means possessor, owner, master, ___________! To be a “lord” is to be the master of something and to have absolute authority over it. To be “The Lord” is to be The Sovereign Master over all possessing and exercising ___________ authority over all.

1. When we speak of submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, we are talking about the fact that we are to respectfully ___________ that Jesus Christ is the Sovereign Master who possesses absolute ___________ over us for He purchased us with His blood! We are not our own! That being true, we must obey Him in all things saying only, “Yes, Lord! Thy will be done!” And then follow that reply with the corresponding action of ___________ _______ _______.

2. Acts 2:36, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both ___________ ___________ __________ -- this Jesus whom you crucified." Church, this Jesus who was crucified for us is Lord and Christ and if we truly know Him, we will ___________ to His Lordship!

   a. Jesus said, John 10:27-28, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and ___________ ___________ _______; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."

Conclusion: Beloved, submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ is a mark of grace that _______ _______ the believer’s life. Personal salvation means not only Christ’s forgiveness of our sins, but a personal ___________ from our sin that reveals a change of allegiance from self to a new Lord and Master, the Supreme Sovereign Jesus Christ!

Where does _______ allegiance lay?

And, what great ___________ you will experience as you resolve that question by submitting to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, for _______ _______ ________!