

“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. _____ 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 _____!

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