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THE Christians basic and fundamental confession of faith is this

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## **Rom 10:9-10 ESV**

***9 because, 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. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.***

**THE REMOVAL OF THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS**  
**FROM THE SALVATION MESSAGE HAS**  
**AFFECTED THE AMERICAN CHURCH TO**  
**THE EXTENT THAT WE HAVE A CHURCH**  
**LOW ON MORALS AND DOCTRINAL**  
**STANDARDS AND AS IN EZEKIEL'S DAY THE**  
**HOLY SPIRIT HAS DEPARTED AND WE ARE**  
**LEFT PLAYING CHURCH BY OUR**  
**INVENTION OF THE DOCTRINE OF**

➤ **“EASY BELIEVERISM”, “CHEAP GRACE”,  
AND “NO LORDSHIP” MESSAGE AND  
LIFESTYLE**

YOU CANNOT REMOVE THE LORDSHIP OF  
CHRIST FROM THE GOSPEL WITHOUT  
UNDERMINING FAITH AT ITS CORE

JOHN MACARTHUR: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
JESUS

ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST PETER TOLD THOSE  
GATHERED

## **Acts 2:36 ESV**

**36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord [2962] and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."**

**Jesus called himself using thus term "KURIOS"**

## **John 13:13 ESV**

**13 You call me Teacher and Lord [2962], and you are right, for so I am.**

# A WORD ABOUT WORDS

**THE EXPRESSION MOST OFTEN  
TRANSLATED “LORD” IN THE NT IS THE  
GREEK WORD #2962 = KURIOS**

**It speaks of someone who has power,  
ownership, and an unquestionable right  
to command**

**NT:2962**

**kurios (koo'-ree-os); from kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e.  
(as noun) controller; by implication, Mr. (as a respectful title):**

**KJV - God, Lord, master, Sir.**



***A near synonymous term is the Greek word “despotes” from which we get the English word “despot” = a ruler with absolute power over his subjects***

***Professor Murray J Harris distinguishes the two terms this way” clearly the words overlap in meaning; both may be rendered “lord” or “master”***

***IF WE ARE TO***

***DISTINGUISH THE TWO TERMS WITH***

***REGARD TO EMPHASIS KYRIOS SIGNIFIES***

***“SOVEREIGN LORD” AND “DESPOTES “***

***“ABSOLUTE LORD”***

## ***Jude 4 ESV***

***4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master [1203] and Lord [2962], Jesus Christ.***

### ***NT:1203***

***despotes (des-pot'-ace); perhaps from NT:1210 and posis (a husband); an absolute ruler ("despot"):***

***KJV - Lord, master.***



# ***SLAVERY VOCABULARY***

***BOTH THESE WORDS ARE POWERFUL AND WERE PART OF THE VOCABULARY OF SLAVERY IN NT TIMES***

***WHENEVER THERE WAS A LORD [KURIOS] AND A MASTER [DESPOTES] THERE WAS ALWAYS A SLAVE [DOULOS]***

**TO THOSE WHO PAID HOMAGE TO JESUS WITH THEIR LIPS BUT NOT WITH THEIR LIVES HE ASKED**

## **Luke 6:46 ESV**

***46 "Why do you call me 'Lord [2962] , Lord [2962],' and not do what I tell you?***

***THIS WORD "DOULOS" APPEARS IN FORM  
SOME 130 TIMES IN THE NT –  
FREQUENTLY AS A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT  
IT MEANS TO BE A TRUE CHRISTIAN***

## **1 Cor 7:22-23 ESV**

***22 For he who was called in the Lord as a slave is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a slave [1401] of Christ. 23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.***

### **NT:1401**

***doulos (doo'-los); from NT:1210; a slave (literal or figurative, involuntary or voluntary; frequently, therefore in a qualified sense of subjection or subserviency): KJV - bond (-man), servant.***

***DOULOS SUGGESTED A SPECIFIC CONCEPT,  
-WHILE REPUGNANT TO OUR CULTURE  
AND OUR NATURAL MINDS- SHOULD NOT  
BE TONED DOWN OR BACKED AWAY  
FROM IT IS THE MAIN GREEK WORD USED  
TO DESCRIBE THE LOWEST ABJECT BOND  
SLAVE A PERSON WHO WAS LITERALLY  
OWNED BY HIS MASTER, WHO COULD  
LEGALLY FORCE HIM TO WORK WITHOUT  
WAGES IN OTHER WORDS,***

***HE WAS A PERSON WITHOUT STANDING  
OR RIGHTS KITTELS DEFINITIVE  
DICTIONARY OF NEW TESTAMENT  
EXPRESSIONS STATES "...WE HAVE A  
SERVICE WHICH IS NOT A MATTER OF  
CHOICE FOR THE ONE WHO RENDERS IT,  
WHETHER HE LIKES IT OR NOT, BECAUSE  
HE IS SUBJECT AS A SLAVE TO AN ALIEN  
WILL, TO THE WILL OF HIS OWNER.***

***THE TERM STRESSES A SLAVE'S  
DEPENDENCE ON HIS LORD DOULOS  
SPEAKS OF SLAVERY PURE AND SIMPLE  
EDWIN YAMAUCHI SHOWS BY THE END  
OF THE 13TH CENTURY "SLAVERY  
DISAPPEARED FROM NORTHWESTERN  
EUROPE.... AND WAS KNOWN TO THE  
17TH CENTURY ENGLISHMEN... AS A  
REMOTE PHENOMENON... THE CONCEPT  
OF WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A SERVANT***

***WAS SHAPED BY THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF  
SERFDOM – A TYPE OF SERVITUDE WHERE  
THE LABOURER WAS BOUND TO THE  
LAND WHERE HE WORKED***

***THIS SLAVERY IS A MESSAGE THAT IS  
OFFENSIVE TO HUMAN WISDOM***

***[1 CORINTHIANS 1-22-31;***

***2 CORINTHIANS 4:5]***



***THE IDEA THAT JESUS DEMANDED  
ABSOLUTE SLAVE-LIKE OBEDIENCE TO HIS  
LORDSHIP IS A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULTY  
FOR PEOPLE FROM CONTEMPORARY  
WESTERN CULTURES TO GRASP  
TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS MEANT THAT  
YOUR WHOLE LIFE WAS PLACED UNDER  
HIS AUTHORITY  
HIS LORDSHIP WAS TOTAL AND NON-  
NEGOTIABLE***

***THOSE WERE HIS TERMS AND WOULD BE  
DISCIPLES WHO TRIED TO DICTATE  
DIFFERENT TERMS WERE ALWAYS TURNED  
AWAY [LUKE 9:59-62]***

***WE ARE NOT CALLED TO PERSONAL  
CLICHES***

***WE ARE NOT CALLED TO “A PERSONAL  
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS “***

***YOU CANNOT HAVE HIM AS SAVIOR NOW  
TO DECIDE LATER IF YOU WANT HIM AS  
LORD [THE NO LORDSHIP MESSAGE]***

***AMONG THE ORIGINAL 12 ONLY ONE –  
JUDAS ---WANTED JESUS AS “FRIEND”  
WITHOUT EVER REALLY BOWING TO HIS  
AUTHORITY AS LORD AND MASTER***

## ***Matt 7:21-23 ESV***

***21 "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. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord [2962], Lord [2962], did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'***

***23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'***



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**ME**