

to our king, the Lord Jesus Christ. Some people speak as if you took a step here believing on Christ and being saved from your sins, and then you want to take another step and receive Jesus as Lord of your life!

It's true you should receive him as Lord of your life. But if you don't receive him as Lord of your life when you're saved I question if you really were saved. We were transferred from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. We're still in the kingdom. Instead of being subjects of Satan we become subjects of Christ. The true Christian desires that the kingship of Jesus be manifested in his own life more and more day by day.

Paul spoke of himself in his epistles as a slave of Jesus Christ. The term slave is quite out of date today, but we should be subjects of an absolute monarchy devoted to learn from the Scripture how he wants us to live and what he wants us to do and then seek more and more to bring our lives into recognition of the Lordship of Christ.

He is often in the NT called the Lord Jesus Christ. Very early they start calling him Lord. I looked up a number of sample cases where the term Lord is used of Jesus in NT. If we had another half hour I would go through and call your attention to a number of them. But the principal things we gather from them (which will be about all I have time for) is this fact: Jesus Christ proposes to be Lord of All. He has the right to be Lord of all. But Jesus above all has the right to be Lord of all those who are saved thru him.

How ready we are to seek our own personal pleasure. To seek the thing that seems good to us instead of when we face a problem to ask, What does Jesus want me to do? How will his purpose be advanced? How will his desires be accomplished We look into the Word of God. We find that which he has said there. We learn the principles he has given there, and then we seek to manifest them in our lives. These three offices of Jesus-- as I said I don't think as Lamb of God he comes under any one. I think it is more important directly to us than any one of them. He is the perfect Lamb who died that we might be saved by Him. But these three are tremendously important to us today.

We learn God's will thru what he's given us in the Bible. He is the Prophet whom God has sent to tell us what He wants us to know and show us how to live. He is the Priest, the one who represents us, who makes the perfect sacrifice to save us from sin, and who is today at the right hand of God making intercession for us. He is the King, the one who has the right to complete control over every aspect of our lives. If we more and more think in every decision of life, What will please my king best? How will I serve his objectives? How will I represent him? How unimportant are the many things we get so excited about! This we enjoy. This we hate. But which will show forth God's honor? Which accomplish his purposes best? God sends punishment for sin in this life. I think most of the punishment for sin comes in the next life. Many of the wicked enjoy the good things of this life. But if the Christian is devoted