

Wrong Place Right Time

We have an idiomatic expression: “in the right place at the right time.” It means to be lucky or fortunate; to be ready or useful. I want to turn that expression around a little. I want us to think about Christians who are “in the wrong place at the right time.”

In Bible times, there were people who were “in the wrong place at the right time.” For example, Lot was in the wrong place (Sodom) at the right time for raising his family (Genesis 19). Jonah was in the wrong place (running away) at the right time for saving souls (Jonah 1). The prodigal son was in the wrong place (wasteful living) at the right time for youthful service to God (Luke 15). Peter was in the wrong place (denial) at the right time for standing for Jesus (Matthew 26).

What about us as a Christian today? Do we find ourselves “in the wrong place at the right time.” Are we in the wrong place of “fooling around” with lust (2 Timothy 2:22), forsaking the assembling (Hebrews 10:25), being in a human denomination (Matthew 15:13), running with the world (2 Peter 2:10-22), or usurping God’s authority (3 Jn. 9)?

Where are we? The wrong place or the right place? We are no good to the Lord while we are “in the wrong place at the right time.” Let’s live godly lives each day so that we can always be “in the right place at the right time.” - Chris Reeves

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Jesus Is Our Savior and Our Lord

*For our citizenship is in heaven; from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ
- Philippians 3:20 -*

Look again at the passage of scripture above from the pen of the apostle Paul. He wrote that Jesus is “a Savior” and “the Lord.” Jesus is our Savior and Lord! Jesus is not one or the other, but both.

I wonder today if there are many people who want Jesus to be their Savior, but not to be their Lord. I wonder if many people want salvation and call upon Jesus to save them, but do those same people want Jesus to rule over them as Lord? Like the young man in the picture to the right, they want Jesus to be their Savior, but not their religion. They say in effect, “Save me from my sin, Jesus, but don’t rule my life everyday with commandments and laws.”

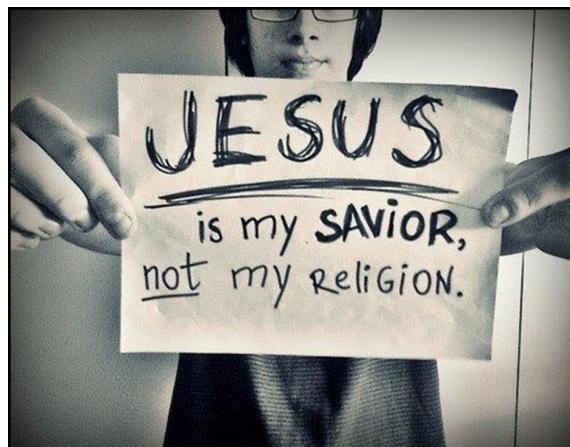
Many today speak of Jesus as their “Lord and Savior” without actually submitting to Jesus as their Lord. I think of immoral music artists who often thank Jesus during awards shows for being their “Lord and Savior”, but everyone knows about their bad language, alcohol problems, divorces, etc. They focus on Jesus as “Savior” and not on Jesus as “Lord”; but, Jesus is both (Matthew 22:41-45).

The Lordship of Jesus

Do you know that “Lord Jesus” is

found 115 times in the King James Version of the New Testament! With “Lord Jesus” appearing that many times, why is it that the lordship of Jesus is so neglected today? Could it be that many people simply do not want to be governed by rules and laws of any kind.

Jesus is “Lord” because he was God in the flesh (Romans 1:3-4). The lordship of Jesus



was preached by Peter (Acts 2:36-38; 10:36,48), by Paul (Acts 16:31-33), and it needs to be preached by us today.

Lordship Involves Authority

“Lord” comes from the Greek word *kurios* which means “having power or authority”. This word is used in the New Testament for the government/citizen relationship (Mark 10:42), the master/servant relationship (Luke 14:26-23), the husband/wife relationship (1 Peter 3:1-6), and the Jesus Christ/mankind re-

lationship (Revelation 17:14; 19:16).

Jesus has authority to require our whole lives (Romans 14:6-9). Jesus has authority to judge us (1 Corinthians 4:4). Jesus has authority as head over all the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:5). Yes, Jesus has authority to issue commands to us today (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2).

Lordship Implies Obedience

If we truly accept Jesus’ lordship we must obey him (Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46). If we truly preach Jesus’ lordship we must preach obedience to all of his commands (Matthew 28:18-20). We do not have a right to change, ignore, or defy the Lord Jesus’ words! And, we do not have a right to turn to man’s word for our authority!

Friend, Jesus Is Lord

Friend, Jesus is your Savior and your Lord. In order for Jesus to save you, you must obey his command to believe and be baptized (Mark 16:16) and then you must obey his other commands to live right each day (Matthew 28:20).

After we are baptized, let us all faithfully obey Jesus’ lordship (Acts 22:8-16; Rom. 10:9-10), let us remain true to his lordship (Acts 11:20-23), let us daily serve under his lordship (Acts 20:18-24, 35; 21:13-14), and let us preach boldly his lordship (Acts 28:31). - Chris Reeves