

STUDY ONE

SALVATION AND THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Introduction; “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”. John 8:32. This makes it clear that you will not really be free until you understand the truth of salvation. The knowledge of the truth brings salvation. Jesus is the truth and Life.

Not only must we come into the knowledge of Jesus as Savior, but we must also acknowledge His Lordship in our lives. The Lordship of Jesus Christ means that Jesus rules supreme over every area of our lives- finance, family, education, manner of dressing, ceremonies etc. If the issue of Lordship is not settled, you cannot advance any further in the Christian race.

What We Really Were Without Christ: We were sinners, all of us. We were rebellious against God’s rulership in our lives and we lived only to suit ourselves regardless of how it affected God and man. Sin is not only a weakness but a state of rebellion. Without Christ we have a crippled conscience. Read Titus 1: 15. The conscience is an endowed part of our personality given for the purpose of evaluating our conduct and behavior of our own hearts. God designed it to smile when our conduct is right and to frown when it is wrong. But sin in our lives tampers with that tender conscience and leaves it in a state of gloom and fear. The marvelous effect of salvation is the mysterious healing of the conscience’

Who Jesus is (His Person):

- He is the son of God. John. 3:16
- He is also God the Son. Heb. 1:8
- He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Matt. 1: 18-23
- He lives a perfect, sinless life. John. 8:48, Heb. 7:26
- His death provided a full payment for all our sins. 1cor. 15:3, 1John 1:7, 1 Pet 3:18
- He physically rose from the dead. 1Cor. 15:4; Mk 16:6
- He ascended into heaven Mk 16: 19
- He is currently engaged in a ministry of prayer on your behalf. Heb. 7:25
- He will one day return to the earth as Lord and Judge Rev. 22:12

What Jesus has done (His work)

- Man is inherently sinful. Gen 6:5, Rom 5:12
- Sin produced spiritual death. James 1:15
- Jesus came to seek and save the lost. 1 John 3:8, John 3:17, John 10:9
- He fully paid the price of death on the cross. Jn 19:30, Heb 10:12
- Reconciled those who believed in God on the cross. II Cor 5:19-21

The demand of God from man

- Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ Rom 3:22, Phil 3:9
- Repentance from sin. Act 17:30 “repent yee and be converted...” Act 3:19
- True repentance – Godly sorrow which leads to true repentance. II Cor 7:9-10, Psalm 51:3

MEMORY VERSE: "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus,whom you have crucified,both Lord and Christ".Acts 2:36