

### The Word of Faith which We Preach (Part 2)

Rom 10.8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

\* **Four questions** we need to answer biblically if we are to understand and apply what Paul is saying in vs 9:

**1) What is** the connection between Jesus being Lord and God raising him from the dead? Short answer: The resurrection was God's \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was Lord.

Rom 1.1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

1Tim 3.16 "God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, ... received up in glory.

Putting these together, the Father's raising of Jesus from the dead was a declaratory judicial act in which the Father ruled in favor of Jesus, finding as \_\_\_\_\_ everything necessary for Jesus to be worthy to be crowned as Lord and King with all power and authority.

Mat 18.18 "All authority has been given Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ... 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you ..."

Dan 7.13 "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed."

Rom 1.5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ.

**2) What is** the connection between Jesus being Lord and our salvation? Short answer: Our salvation \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus being Lord.

1Jn 3.8 ... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Salvation's goal is to \_\_\_\_\_ man to sonship with God and to the dominion and glory for which God made him in the beginning. To do that, it was necessary not only for Jesus to atone for sins, but also to \_\_\_\_\_ the dominion and glory we were created for.

Heb 2.7 "You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. 8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet" [quoting Psalm 8]. For in that He [God] put all in subjection under him [Jesus], He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

It is only as Lord, as glorified man, crowned King, that Jesus could effectively \_\_\_\_\_ to others the benefits of his death and resurrection.

John 17.1 "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

1Cor 15.45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

What does "last Adam" mean in the Greek?

What is the contrast between the two Adams?

1Cor 15.47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Salvation ultimately means our full conformity to Christ, which Christ accomplishes this by indwelling us by the \_\_\_\_\_.

Rom 8.9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Christ cannot send the Spirit to indwell us unless he has been \_\_\_\_\_ and coronated in heaven.

John 16.7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."

It is only as \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus can destroy the works of the devil, bringing us full salvation—not just forgiveness of sins, but full restoration to the glory and dominion God made us for.

Rom 14.9, "For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living."

**3) What is** the connection between believing that God raised Jesus from the dead and confessing Jesus as Lord? Short answer: They are two sides of the same coin, each providing \_\_\_\_\_ for the other.

Righteousness is a legal \_\_\_\_\_ of right standing and right relationship with God that God adjudicates one to have, and that adjudication is made not because we are actually righteous of ourselves, but because God accounts us righteous in Christ.

Salvation is an \_\_\_\_\_, specifically our deliverance from Satan, sin, and death, which will be finalized with our resurrection and transformation into the full likeness of Christ. This deliverance of salvation is guaranteed to those who have been declared righteous by \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

Mouthing the words "Jesus is Lord" apart from sincere faith and conviction in the heart that God raised him from the dead is an \_\_\_\_\_ confession.

1Cor 12.3 [N]o one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Saying you believe God raised Jesus from the dead, when your belief does not extend to the outside and how you live, honoring Christ as Lord — that's not sincere \_\_\_\_\_.

When the Magi presented gifts to Jesus as a child, they were acknowledging Jesus as their Lord and King. The sincerity of their faith and confession was shown in their \_\_\_\_\_ — traveling such a distance and presenting such costly gifts.

Genuine belief that God raised Jesus from the dead, and genuine confession that he is Lord and your Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation and authentic Christianity.

**4) What does** it mean, practically speaking, for Jesus to be Lord?

Short answer: It means being model citizens and neighbors, while standing against \_\_\_\_\_ and the immorality that goes with it.

"They were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to Christ as to a god, and bound themselves to a solemn oath, not to any wicked deeds, but never to commit any fraud, theft, adultery, never to falsify their word, not to deny a trust when they should be called upon to deliver it up. When this was over, it was their custom to depart and to assemble again to partake of a meal - but ordinary and innocent food." (Governor Pliny the Younger, Letters, X.xcvi, writing to emperor Trajan )

Phil 2.9 TGod also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Tim 2.1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.