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Introduction

In John 1:3, speaking of Jesus, it says, **“All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”** Also in John 1:10 it says, **“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”** Therefore, in John 3:35, it says, **“The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.”**

Even though Jesus was in this world in a physical body, born of a virgin woman and the Holy Spirit, God the Father still glorified Jesus as LORD over this creation. In Matthew 3:16,17, it says, **“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him...And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**

In Philippians 2:8-11, it says, **“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross...Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name...That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth...And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**

In Acts 2:36, Peter was speaking by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Peter said, **“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”**

The Apostle Paul, writing under the anointing of the Holy Spirit wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:3, **“Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”**

How many people today are saying that Jesus Christ is LORD, without truly making Jesus LORD in their lives? There is a difference between speaking from the mind of a person, or speaking from our spirit by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Everyone will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD someday. They will acknowledge that the name of Jesus is above every name (Phil. 2:11). Even those in hell will confess that Jesus is LORD. But, those in hell, will still remain in hell, knowing that Jesus Christ is LORD. Even the demons and Satan himself will acknowledge that Jesus Christ is LORD, and that His Name is above every name, in heaven, on earth, and in hell.

Those who confess that Jesus Christ is LORD after they are already in hell, will still remain in hell. Their confession will not be by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, but by the knowledge of a truth, which they did not believe while they were still here on earth.

Calling Jesus LORD

In Luke 6:45, Jesus said, **“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.”** It’s what is in our heart that God looks at. Not what we say from our mind without understanding. Many people speak things from their minds, without taking any thought as to why they said what they said. It is easy to say things that sound good to the ears of others. But, what they say has no real meaning to what they said. The world is full of people who do that everyday. Even many Christians do the same thing, thinking there is nothing wrong with saying things to satisfy others at the time.

How many people do we know that say they will do something, and never do what they say? How many Christians are the same as the world in saying they will do something and never do it?

In Luke 6:46, Jesus said, **“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”** The word “LORD” means “supreme in authority.” When people call Jesus “LORD,” are these just idle words, spoken from their mind, or are they truth from their heart? Are they doing the same as people of the world who are not Christians?

Calling Jesus LORD is good and everyone should call Jesus LORD. Jesus is LORD of this creation. God the Father has made Jesus both “LORD and Christ” (Acts 2:36).

The question Jesus was asking in Luke 6:46, is, **“Why do so many call Him LORD, and do not do what He says?”** There is a difference between calling Jesus “LORD” and making Jesus “LORD in our lives.” To make Jesus LORD of our lives, is to make Jesus “supreme in authority in our lives.”

If Jesus is to be “supreme in authority,” then whatsoever we do should be according to what Jesus says we should do, not what we want to do. How can Jesus be supreme in authority in our lives if we do things that are not in agreement with what Jesus said we should do?

There seems to be a major problem when Christians say Jesus is LORD in their lives and they do things contrary to what Jesus told them to do. In Amos 3:3, the question is asked, **“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”** Can Jesus be LORD in our lives when we keep doing things that do not agree with what Jesus said we should do?

Is Jesus Christ LORD?

There are multitudes of people today saying that Jesus Christ is LORD. But, if this is only a statement of knowledge, which they have been taught by men, it will not save them from eternity in hell.

There are many false prophets and teachers in the world today. Many times we are warned of those who come preaching another gospel, claiming to be serving the LORD. Satan is a master at deception. In 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, it says, **“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ...And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light...Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”**

It is very important that we are not deceived by those who are already deceived by the spirits of this world. Christians need to understand the importance of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, by which we receive the anointing to know the truth, and discern between the flesh and the spirit (between that which is spoken from the mind and that which is spoken from the heart).

Many will confess with their mouth, that Jesus is LORD. But, if it is not from their heart, it will not keep them from the deception of the Devil. Therefore, In 1 Corinthians 12:3 the Apostle Paul wrote, **“Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”**

Today, there are many who have called upon Jesus as their Savior, and received deliverance from many of the works of the Devil. The Word of God is true, for it says in Joel 2:32, **“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.”**

In Acts 2:21, the Apostle Peter also made mention of that which was spoken in Joel 2:32, saying, **“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”** In Romans 10:13, the Apostle Paul made mention of what was written in Joel 2:32, saying, **“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

There is a difference between “being saved,” and “being born again.” People who have physical sickness and disease in their bodies can be saved (which includes healing), and still not be truly born again. Many people were saved throughout the times of the Old Testament, but none of them were truly born again until after Jesus became the firstborn from the dead.

Yes, they were saved, but not born again into the body of Christ. They were not new creatures in Christ Jesus. This is where Christians need to know the truth concerning the New Birth and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Only those who confess from their heart, can confess Jesus Christ as LORD by the anointing of the Holy Spirit within them.

Our confession must be given to us by the Holy Spirit from our heart for it to be a true confession. This first true confession from our heart comes when we receive Jesus Christ as LORD in the new birth. When we receive Jesus Christ “as LORD,” and not just “as Savior” we become truly born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. This is the beginning of our new birth into the body of Christ.

That is only the beginning, not the final end. For there are some who will reject Jesus Christ as LORD and give heed to seducing spirits, even after they have been truly born again. In 1 Timothy 4:1, it says, **“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”** We must make sure in our

lives and in our hearts that we do not become deceived by the enemy, and follow those whom Satan uses to lead us astray.

There are many today who call Jesus LORD, but their confession is not from their heart. In Luke 6:37, Jesus said, **“Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:”** This is very important among Christians today. Yet, this statement alone is not all there is to it. Jesus was talking of judging others for the purpose of condemning them according to **“the knowledge of good and evil.”** Those who are of this world live according to the knowledge of good and evil. Everyone who walks after the flesh is walking according to the knowledge of good and evil.

Christians are not to walk after the knowledge of good and evil, but rather they are to walk after the Holy Spirit. It tells us in Romans 8:1-7, that we are to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

Jesus Himself did not judge according to the flesh. As an example, in John 8:3-7 it says, **“And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst...They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act...Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?...This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not...So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.”**

These Scribes and Pharisees were judging according to the flesh, using their idea of the Law of Moses. After they left, it says in John 8:10,11, **“When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?...She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”** Following that, Jesus said in John 8:15,16, **“Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man...And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.”**

What the Holy Spirit is revealing to Christians today is that we should not judge after the flesh, but we should try the spirits, if they are of God? It says in 1 John 4:1, **“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”**

We are not to judge the people. But instead, we are to try the spirits that are in control of what the person is saying. There is only one way to try the spirits, that is to receive our information from the Holy Spirit within us.

In 1 Corinthians 12:3, it says, **“Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”** Are they speaking by the anointing of the Holy Spirit from their heart? Or, are they speaking from their mind of the flesh?

If a person gives place to the Devil in their mind, evil spirits will try to control what they say. The voice we will hear will sound exactly like the voice of the person we are talking to. But, it may be an evil spirit doing the talking. We should not come against the person, but we are to take authority over the spirit that is using their voice and speaking from their mouth things that are not of God.

This is one of the greatest deceptions among those who call themselves Christians today. There are multitudes of Christians being deceived by the words spoken by others, thinking they are

truly serving the LORD. This is how many false prophets have come into the churches today, speaking words that sound good to the ears, but there is another spirit in control.

Multitudes of Christians are being deceived today, following those who are not truly born again, not knowing how to try the spirits if they are of God? Some of those who are speaking good sounding words that seem to be correct, are among those who have not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. They are operating from their minds, not from the Spirit of God within them.

If what they are saying is truth, it will not be them saying what is said, but the Spirit of God within them. In 1 Peter 4:11, it says, **“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”**

Christians should not be trying to do the work of the ministry without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It should be the Holy Spirit giving them the words to speak.

If we do what Jesus told us to do in the Gospels, we will make Jesus Christ “LORD” in our lives and walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. Then, the Holy Spirit will direct our ways, and give us the words to speak by the anointing within us.

Making Jesus Christ LORD

To make **“Jesus Christ LORD,”** means to make Jesus Christ *“supreme in authority”* in our lives. When Jesus is supreme in authority in our lives, we can no longer do our own will of the flesh. We must be led by the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

This is first done by becoming *“truly”* born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. In 1 Peter 1:23, it says, **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”** In John 3:5,6, it says, **“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (the Word) and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God...That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”**

Anyone who is living today was already **“born of the flesh.”** That is how they came into this world. They were all born into this world of the flesh. Therefore, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh...”** Now, they need to be born again of the Spirit, for **“...that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** The first birth into this world is born of the flesh. The second birth is born of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.

In John 1:11, speaking of Jesus, it says, **“He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”** Many Jews would not receive Jesus Christ “as LORD” in their lives. Then in John 1:12,13, the apostle John explained, the new birth, saying, **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name...Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”**

When we truly receive Jesus Christ as LORD, and not just as Savior, the Holy Spirit causes a new birth within us. This is a work of God, **“...not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”**

One of the greatest deception comes when someone tells us that “we were born again by water baptism when we were about eight days old.” I was deceived by that teaching myself for about forty-five years.

When things were not working out for me in my life, I asked Jesus to become “LORD” in my life. When I asked Jesus to become LORD in my life, my whole life changed. There was a major change in the way I thought. I could no longer think about the things of this world as I had been doing for most of my life.

What happened to me, agrees with the written Word of God. A new birth is “a new creature in Christ Jesus” (2 Cor. 5:17). It is a spiritual birth, not a physical birth. In Ezekiel 36:26, it says, **“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.”** The reason I could not think of the things of this world the way I had been doing for about forty-five years, is because I received **“a new heart.”**

When people get saved, nothing changes except that they say a sinners’ prayer and they believe they are saved. People around them say to them, “now you are saved.” But, actually nothing happened “in their heart.” They still keep doing things the way they did before they were saved. They may think they are now a born again Christian. But, they keep on living the same way they lived before they were saved.

It is so sad that so many people believe that they are born again, because they were told they received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. If nothing happened in their heart, then what did happen? Were they deceived by the teachings of men? Did they believe what men said, rather than

what the Word of God says?

When a person is truly born again and not just saved, there is a change in their heart. That change in their heart causes them to want to study their Bibles, and never stop studying to learn how to “walk in the Spirit and not after the flesh” (Gal. 5:17,25).

When we are truly born again, we also receive “**a new spirit.**” It says in Ezekiel 36:26, “**...a new spirit will I put within you...**” When a new spirit is put within us, we have a desire to receive the Holy Spirit as our Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher. A new heart and a new spirit is the beginning of a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Then in Ezekiel 36:27 it says, “**And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.**” This is the speaking of the baptism in the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised us in Acts 1:4,5,8. This is the power to be witnesses unto Jesus.

If a person does not have a desire to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, then there must be something missing. Did they truly get born again, or was it just saved?

All throughout the Old Testament people were saved. God saved and delivered people time and time again. They kept getting into situations that they could not of their own ability overcome. When they called upon the LORD God, the LORD saved them.

Noah and his family were saved when the flood came. In 1 Peter 3:18-20 it says, “**For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit...By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison...Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.**”

Noah and his family were saved, because “Noah obeyed the LORD and built the Ark,” by which they were saved when everyone else drowned during the flood. Noah was not born again, but He was saved.

The Children of Israel were saved when they crossed the Red Sea, and Pharaoh and his army drowned. The LORD God saved the Children of Israel because they obeyed the LORD when Moses and Aaron spoke to them of the promise made to Abraham in Genesis 15:13,14. It was their obedience that brought them their salvation from the Egyptians. But their being saved did not bring them into the promised land. Many died in the wilderness because they would not continue to obey the LORD. They did not mix faith with the word that was spoken to them (Heb. 4:2). They were saved, but they were not born again.

Jesus came teaching us the Truth. Jesus said to Nicodemus, “**You must be born again**” (John 3:7). Jesus did not say to Nicodemus, “**You must be saved...**” After Jesus said to Nicodemus, “**You must be born again,**” He continued to speak to those with Him about being saved. In John 3:14-19, Jesus said, “**And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up...That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life...For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life...For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved...He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God...And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were**

evil.”

Those who are only saved, still want to do their own will of the flesh, They still want to live like they lived before. There is no change in the desires of their heart.

Even after a person is truly born again, they still need to be saved. They need to be taught by the Holy Spirit how to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. In Acts 2:47, it says, “**And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**” These were all added to the Church, which is “the LORD’s Body” by “the new birth.” These were “born again into the body of Christ.” Now they needed to be saved.

How do we get saved? We get saved by continually studying the Word of God and doing what we are told to do in the Word of God. People who are not truly born again sometimes become religious, and go around trying to get others to believe what they believe, according to their doctrines and theologies. There are multitudes of doctrines and theologies taught in churches today.

The Holy Spirit does not teach Christians all sorts of doctrines and theologies. The Holy Spirit teaches us the Truth from the Word of God, so that we can keep Jesus Christ as LORD in our lives, so that we do not get all caught up in the doctrines and theologies of men.

Some are teaching another gospel, and some are teaching another Jesus. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Galatia, concerning this same thing, saying, “**I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel...Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ...But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed...As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed**” (Gal. 1:6-9).

Christians who do not make Jesus Christ “LORD” of their lives will easily be deceived by the teachings of men. When Jesus is “LORD,” we will be led by the Holy Spirit (not by the doctrines and theologies of men).

Why are there so many people calling themselves Christians today, living like the world lives? Mostly, because they have not made Jesus Christ LORD in their lives. They made Jesus their Savior, but not their LORD. They still want to do their own will of the flesh and call Jesus LORD.

Jesus is still asking Christians the same question, “**And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**” (Luke 6:46). Multitudes of Christians have gone back to living like they lived before they were truly born again. They want to do their own will of the flesh, rather than have Jesus as “LORD,” which means “supreme in authority” in their lives.

Many want to live their lives according to the flesh, and then they want Jesus to save them from the works of the Devil in their lives. Why is it that many do not get saved? That is to say, “Why do they not get healed from sickness and disease?”

Salvation includes healing from sickness and disease. I believe they are no longer making Jesus Christ “LORD.” They want Jesus as their Savior, but not as LORD.

What is the LORD waiting for, when we keep praying for those who are sickly, and they do not get healed? I believe that the LORD is waiting for them to stop living like the world lives and receive Him back as their LORD, which means “supreme in authority.”

Jesus is looking for “repentance” among those who have gone astray and followed the teachings of men. By following the teachings of men, they love the world and the things of this world more than they love God (1 John 2:15-17). Their heart is no longer, “**LORD, what would you have me to do?**” (Acts 9:6). It is more, “LORD, heal me so I can continue to do what I was doing.”

It is time that Christians examine their hearts, and return to the LORD, and make Jesus LORD (that is “supreme in authority” in their lives). Many are sickly, and many have gone before us, simply because they have not rightly discerned the LORD’s body (1 Cor. 11:23-32).

In 1 Corinthians 6:19, it says, **“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”** Our bodies belong to the LORD.

In Romans 12:1 it says, **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”**

I believe that if we made Jesus Christ LORD in our lives, we could walk in health and not have sickness and disease in our bodies, whereby **“...many are sickly among us and many have fallen asleep”** (1 Cor. 11:30,31).

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