Predictably, if believers do not grow in their understanding and appreciation of the Lordship of Christ, they face the possibility of not fearing the consequences of sin and not being continually grateful for deliverance from sin’s power. If a believer overlooks the Lordship of Christ, challenges of life can become overwhelming obstacles instead of being recognized as opportunities to grow in God’s grace and love. If the Lordship of Christ is overlooked, self-oriented living is inevitable.

The Lordship of Christ, however, can make a difference in the lives of believers.

- Believers who know that Jesus is Lord respond to Christ’s work on their behalf
- Believers who know that Jesus is Lord trust God’s sovereignty in their lives
- Believers who know that Jesus is Lord know that Jesus has defeated Satan
- Believers who know that Jesus is Lord realize God’s love is permanent
- Believers who know that Jesus is Lord faithfully serve God and others
- Believers who know that Jesus is Lord anticipate heaven and do not fear death

When believers recognize and respond to the reality that Jesus is Lord, they accept personal trials as part of Christ’s Lordship in their lives. Believers who know that Jesus is Lord joyfully embrace dying to self. They become increasingly sensitive to sin and faithfully practice confession and repentance of sin(s). For them, praying is no longer a problem but, instead, is a profound privilege. Studying God’s Word is not an interruption to daily life but is vital to every aspect of it. In fact, they perceive and approach everything differently when they know that Jesus is Lord.

In light of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the many promises of Scripture for life today and the life to come, whom should you trust? Who should be the focus of your attention each day of your life?

When believers truly understand and respond to the eternal truth that Jesus Christ is Lord, their lives will have a significance that is “out of this world.” In the future, believers anticipate the reality of 1 John 3:2 for all of eternity . . . “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.”

In the meantime, if you are a believer who is serious about growing in Christ, ask God to grant you ever increasing insight into the Lordship of Jesus Christ and then rely on divine empowerment to live accordingly. Jesus Christ is Lord!

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