**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. When every child of God was born again, he was born to win.
      1. God wants us to live with kingdom authority.
   2. The world, the flesh and the devil are not to have dominion over a child of God.
      1. God made us kings and priests.
      2. 2 Corinthians 2:14
   3. But there can be no reigning in this life until we submit to the authority that God has placed over us.
      1. That authority is summed up in these words:
         1. Jesus is Lord.
      2. Kingdom authority is never given to rebels.
         1. If we rebel against the King, then we will never know His authority in our life.
   4. Romans 14:7-12
      1. In the church at Rome, Christians had begun to judge one another.
      2. The Apostle Paul admonished the people to stop criticizing and judging one another.
         1. It’s not your opinion of them nor their opinion of you that counts.
         2. Remember that you belong to Jesus, and He is Lord.
      3. One of the worst things that could happen to any church is for the people to get their eyes off of Jesus and onto one another.
         1. Whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Jesus Christ because He died and rose again; therefore, He is Lord.
   5. The word “Lord” means “the one who has absolute power, absolute authority,” “the master.”
      1. That is the Lord Jesus Christ.
         1. Many so-called Christians do not understand this.
   6. It has been said that in American Christianity, the word “commitment” has replaced the word “surrender.”
      1. When we make a commitment, we are in control.
         1. For example, we commit to win souls because we decide to do it.
         2. We commit to study our Bibles.
         3. We can commit to tithe.
      2. When we surrender, we’re no longer in control.
      3. If we’re committed to anything, we need to be committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
         1. He is absolute Lord.
   7. Before we embrace the Lord Jesus, we must abdicate the throne.
      1. We have to surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ.
      2. Romans 14:9
   8. The foundational truth in the New Testament is that Jesus Christ is Lord.
      1. To understand this truth is the fundamental key to knowing and exercising kingdom authority.
   9. Jesus Christ is called “Lord” no less than 747 times in the New Testament.
   10. We do not make Jesus Lord; He is already Lord.
       1. Acts 2:36
       2. There are only two decisions that we make:
          1. Will we recognize His Lordship?
          2. Will we bow to His Lordship?
             1. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is Lord?
             2. Have you surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

Is He Lord of all that you have and all that you do?

1. the redeeming claim of his lordship (romans 14:9)
   1. Jesus died to claim us as Lord.
      1. Romans 14:9
         1. When He died for us, He was redeeming us.
         2. He is Lord because He died for us.
      2. Bloody Calvary says that He is Lord.
   2. He has purchased us; we are not our own.
      1. He has redeemed us with His blood.
   3. 1 Corinthians 6:19
      1. If you are a Christian, Jesus died to claim you as Lord.
         1. He now lives in you to possess you as Lord.
         2. We see Jesus in history and Jesus is in Heaven and Jesus is working in the lives of others; but the great truth is Christ in me, the hope of glory.
   4. If you are a Christian, then Jesus now lives in you; and you are His purchased possession.
      1. If you are saved, then you are under new management.
      2. When you gave your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, that was the last independent decision you ever made.
         1. You are not your own.
         2. You belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.
            1. This is glorious because He knows more about how to manage your life than you do.
      3. He alone can make you what He wants you to be and what you need to be and what you would want to be if you could only see it from His viewpoint.
   5. The Lord Jesus has made a great investment in us.
      1. He died for us and bought us with His blood.
      2. His investment in us is such a blessing because it means that He is going to watch over us.
   6. Ephesians 1:13-14
      1. We are a purchased possession.
      2. After we were saved, God put a mark on us; and that mark is the Holy Spirit.
         1. When we believe, we are then sealed with the Holy Spirit.
      3. A seal, as spoken of here in this passage, is a legal document.
      4. This seal means the following:
         1. That there has been a legal transaction.
         2. There has been a transference of property.
         3. It also means security.
            1. Esther 8:8

The King’s seal is on us.

We have been transferred over to Him.

Satan has been defeated, and we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

* 1. If Jesus Christ is not Lord of our life, then we have no right to call ourselves a Christian.
     1. We are saved by believing that Jesus Christ is Lord and yielding to that Lordship.
     2. Romans 10:9-10
        1. This is more than just saying that Jesus is Lord.
        2. At the time when Paul wrote the book of Romans, to say that Jesus Christ is Lord could cost a person his or her life.
           1. Caesar, at that time, was revered as more than an emperor, but as a god.
           2. The people of the Roman Empire were required to say that Caesar was Lord.

Christians would not do that.

* + - 1. It is not Christ and; it is Christ only.
  1. The Bible does not mention receiving Christ as Savior.
     1. He is Savior, but we receive Christ.
        1. He is Lord.
     2. Acts 16:31
     3. We give all we know of ourselves to all we know of Jesus.
     4. We take Jesus and all that He is, and He is Lord.
  2. We cannot have what He gives unless we accept who He is, and He is Lord.
  3. Charles Haddon Spurgeon said that if a convert declares that he knows the Lord’s will but doesn’t mean to attend to it, then it is our duty to assure him that he is not saved.

1. the resurrection conquest of his lordship (romans 14:9)
   1. Romans 14:9
      1. He died to claim us as Lord.
      2. He has risen to control us as Lord.
   2. When Jesus died, He gave Himself for us; when He rose, He gave Himself to us.
      1. Now, He lives in us as Lord.
   3. What does Lordship mean?
      1. Your entire submission.
         1. There can be no other king in your life.
         2. No one can serve two masters.
            1. Matthew 6:24
         3. He must be Lord of all if He is to be Lord at all.
      2. His absolute ownership of all that you possess.
         1. We are slaves of Jesus Christ.
            1. Not only does He own us, but He also owns all that we own.
         2. What a person does with his possessions is a good mark as to whether or not Jesus Christ is Lord of His life.
            1. If we think that He’s Lord of our life because we give Him 10%, then He’s not Lord of 90%.

He doesn’t own 10%; He owns everything that we have.

When we bring our tithe to God’s house, that’s only a tangible expression of the fact that He owns it all.

It is a tangible expression of our total surrender to Him.

* + - * 1. It all belongs to Him, and we are His steward.
    1. Unquestioned obedience.
       1. Luke 6:46
       2. We are to yield to the Lord Jesus our reading, our recreation, our time, our friends, etc.
          1. All that we do is under His control.
          2. The Lord Jesus wants for us what we would want for ourselves if we had enough sense to want it.
       3. Psalm 103:13
       4. Don’t be afraid to trust your heart and life to the One who loved you enough to die for you.

1. the regal confession of his lordship (romans 14:11)
   1. Romans 14:11
      1. Everyone will confess Christ as Lord, either in this world or in the next.
   2. Philippians 2:9-11
      1. “Things in Heaven” refers to the angels.
      2. “Things in earth” refers to humans.
      3. “Things under the earth” refers to the devil and demons.
      4. It is a fact of future history that every created being will one day confess Jesus Christ as Lord.
         1. This does not mean that they will be saved, but that they will one day confess Him as Lord.
            1. Atheists will one day confess that Jesus is Lord.
   3. We don’t have to wait until we die to confess that Jesus is Lord.
   4. In addition to sealing salvation, what does confessing the Lordship of Christ do?
      1. It will conquer Satan.
         1. Revelation 12:11
            1. Our testimony is Jesus is Lord.
         2. The devil does not want us to say openly and publicly that Jesus is Lord.
         3. Confession and conquest are linked together.
      2. It will comfort saints.
         1. When we make a practice of confessing the Lordship of Christ, it will help our faith to grow.
         2. Confession strengthens faith, and faith strengthens confession.
         3. It will help our love for the Lord Jesus to grow.
            1. What we love, we talk about; and what we talk about, we tend to love.
         4. It will help our separation from the world.
            1. When we get into a habit of openly, boldly and publicly confessing Jesus Christ as Lord, we will find that the things of this world will fall away from us more and more.
         5. Confess Him in times of joy.
            1. Remember that it’s Jesus who is the source of our joy.
         6. Confess Him in times of sorrow.
            1. If sadness comes, remember that nothing comes to us but what it comes through Him first.
            2. In the midst of sorrow, remember that joy comes in the morning.

Psalm 30:5

* + 1. It will convict sinners.
       1. Many Christians today decide that they don’t want to be an open, bold soul winner, but that they want to live in such a way that others who see their life will want to become a Christian because of their life.
          1. But people are not saved by our lives, they’re saved by Jesus’ death.
       2. Unless we share the Gospel with others, they will not be saved.
       3. If other people see our lives and don’t understand why we live the way we do, then we are accepting praise under false pretense.
          1. We would be getting the glory rather than giving Jesus the glory.
    2. It will control service.
       1. When we confess Jesus as Lord, a lot of our decision-making is drastically narrowed.
          1. For example, we don’t have to decide whether or not to steal something that isn’t ours because Jesus is Lord.
       2. When we make this decision about the Lordship of Christ, then many other decisions are already made.
       3. John 2:5
          1. This is the best advice that anyone could ever give to another person.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. Do you want kingdom authority?
      1. Would you like for God to pour His life and strength into you?
   2. Kingdom authority is not for rebels.
      1. You will never be over until you are under, and you must come under the absolute Lordship of Jesus Christ.
   3. Romans 14:11
      1. Isn’t it time to confess Jesus right now?
   4. In every person’s heart and life, there is a throne.
      1. If self is on the throne, then Christ is on the cross.
      2. If self is on the cross, then Christ is on the throne.
   5. Have you acknowledged Jesus as the Lord of your life?
      1. If not, confess Him today.
   6. Pray to Him and ask Him to come into your life.
   7. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16