

# Unit 6: Lordship Salvation

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## Unit Introduction

During this unit of this course we will explore the doctrines of chastisement and rewards.

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### Lesson Introduction

We've looked and concentrated on what the gospel is. We've endeavored to keep the gospel simple and clear. But in this unit we will look at what the gospel is NOT. In contrast to our goal to keep the gospel biblical, clear and simple, some have strayed from this goal. Lordship salvation is a current teaching that has added conditions to the gospel.

Many may have done this out of concern that with a gospel of pure grace, people can be saved and not be living godly lives. Therefore, they have taken it upon themselves to modify God's word and change the conditions of salvation. This teaching seems to be growing in popularity in evangelical Christianity. We must be aware of it and its dangers.

### Lesson Outline

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## **Topic 1: What Jesus Is**

The clarion call of Lordship salvation is to make Jesus Lord of your life. They say that if you do NOT, you are not really saved. They say that if He is not Lord of all He is not Lord at all. Many also say that if you don't believe with the intention of obedience to the Lord in all things that you haven't really believed therefore you aren't really saved. This is not a harmless teaching that can be ignored without personal peril.

## **Topic 1: What Jesus Is**

### **Jesus Is Savior**

#### **Assignment**

- Please memorize Acts 4:12.
- Please memorize Luke 2:11.

Lordship Salvation, to me this is an extremely timely topic. There's a man today that is well-liked upon the Christian circuits, a very good speaker, and I'm not doubting his sincerity, but he's a man that's totally off when it comes to this issue. He believes that if Jesus is not Lord of all things in your life, you're not saved. And of course, if that's true none of us are saved, and it's a shame because this man has an awful lot of good to offer. But I met him. His father's been in this church. He's known worldwide. But he's teaching Lordship Salvation, and that's a tragic thing. Now there's not many things that I will totally fight for, but this is the gospel, and I will fight for it. I want us to look at it, and these verses are going to be very, very helpful to you. Okay, we're going to look at Lordship Salvation. Now, first of all I want to make it very clear that we believe that Jesus Christ is Lord. We believe that He is God. In Acts 4:12, you see that in the first few verses, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name given under heaven given among men whereby ye must be saved." There is no other way to be saved. Period. There's no other name. Now that's quite a statement, isn't it? That's a statement of all statements, but it's true. When He was born, He was declared to be the Savior. Now, we're going to get into Lordship a little bit later, but "Unto you is born this day in the city of David [a Savior,] which is Christ the Lord." The city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Now, we know that He was the Savior of the world, that doesn't mean everybody was saved, but He was the Savior of the world. What an incredible thing that is.

## **QUESTION 1**

Please write Acts 4:12 from memory.

## **QUESTION 2**

Please write Luke 2:11 from memory.

When Jesus was born, He was declared to be the Savior. However, even though Christ is Savior, everyone is not automatically saved.

## **Topic 1: What Jesus Is**

### **Jesus Is Jehovah (Lord)**

#### **Assignment**

- Please memorize Isaiah 43:11.

In Isaiah 43:11—and this is an incredible thing. Now this is awfully good also to use with Jehovah Witnesses, because they don't believe that Jesus Christ was Jehovah God. They believe Jesus was just a good, created being. No, Jesus was God, and I think Isaiah 43:11, “I, even I, am the LORD, and besides me there is no Savior.” You see that? Jesus is the Savior. It says, “I, even I, am Jehovah, and besides me there is no Savior.” Jesus is Jehovah. That's what separates us from Jehovah Witnesses because they believe that Jesus was not God. I mean they'll say He's a mighty God, but not Almighty God. They believe that He was a created being. No, Jesus always has been. You can't have an eternal Father without having an eternal Son. The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. So here we see this. The Scriptures are emphatic that God took on flesh in the person of Jesus and became man's Savior. Now we have some verses that are here that show that. “In the beginning was the word, the word was with God, [and] the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made.” Clear as it can be. The Word was with God and the Word was God. Jesus was God. Do you need to know that? Sure you do. Let's look at John 1:14, “And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten son of the Father, full of grace and truth.” See that? The Word was made flesh. You've got to know that. When people ask you those questions, it's so important for you to know that. In John 1:29, “The next day, John seeth Jesus coming unto him and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” Always before that it was not taking away sin. Now we see the taking away of sin.

## **QUESTION 3**

Please write Isaiah 43:11 from memory.

## **Topic 2: What Man Believes about Jesus**

Some things are objectively true whether or not we believe them. For example, hell exists and unbelievers will endure eternal torment in it, according to God's word which is truth (e.g. Isa 66:23-24). If people don't believe it is a reality it won't change the fact that it is! In the same way who Jesus is doesn't change by whether people believe it or not. Some people don't believe He is the savior of the world (Jn 3:16). Some people don't believe that He existed from eternity as the Son of God, the second member of the Godhead. It doesn't change the fact that He is the savior of the world and eternal Son of God. In the same way Jesus is Lord whether we make Him Lord or not.

## **Topic 2: What Man Believes about Jesus**

### **Man's Belief in Jesus as Savior**

Man's belief or lack of belief in the Saviorship of Jesus does not change the fact that Jesus is the Savior. Do all of you understand that? Now, I am trying to compare the Saviorship of Jesus to the Lordship. Jesus died for every human being that was ever born upon this earth, and if we said that—you know, we're not 5-point Calvinist—we believe that Jesus Christ died for all people. There was no blood clot on the cross. The cross, the blood flowed for every person. And when you hear people teach that, to me that's a dangerous doctrine because when you believe that certain people are born to go to Heaven and certain ones were born to go to Hell, you're going to quit witnessing. It's a very dangerous thing to believe. Now, when man recognizes that Jesus is truly the Savior and trusts Him to be his Savior, then—and only then—does the man receive the benefits of Christ's power. Okay? You never hear anybody say, "Make Jesus Savior," do you? You ever hear that? "Make Jesus Savior to be saved." But you say, "That's silly. Nobody can make Jesus Savior; Jesus is the Savior." Well then isn't it still silly to say you've got to make Jesus Lord to be saved? Now you have to believe Jesus is Lord. If you believe Jesus is a mere man, you will never go to Heaven. If you believe Jesus was not God, you cannot go to Heaven. You have to believe that Jesus was God. Christ died and rose again, Hebrews 2:9. "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 should taste death [for] every man." Oh what a Savior we have! But He saves only those who trust Him. This is to say that even though He is the Savior of the world, He saves only those in the world who personally and individually receive Him by faith. God invites whosoever will to trust in His Son. But it's amazing, the truth of God's Word, that man can forbid the Savior to save him. Some men die without a Savior, though One was available all the time. Now we see these verses that we love so much, "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." The Savior, the Savior, what an incredible blessing that is.

### **QUESTION 5**

Man's belief or lack of belief in the Savior-ship of Jesus does not change the fact that Jesus is the Savior. *True or False?* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTION 6

Which of the following are true? (*Select all that apply.*)

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. It is silly to say you have to make Jesus Lord to be saved.
- B. You must believe Jesus is Lord to be saved.
- C. God invites whosoever will first surrender all to trust in His son.
- D. The amazing truth of God's word is that man can forbid the Savior to save him.

## Topic 2: What Man Believes about Jesus

### Man's Belief in Jesus as Lord

Now Christ the Lord, we have seen about Christ being the Savior also applies to his Lordship. He is Lord whether men believe it or not, or man allows Christ to be his Lord or not. Jesus Christ is all-knowing, all-powerful, Creator-Controller of the universe. You know, in Colossians 1:16, "For by him were all things created that are in heaven [and] that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him". Do you understand how that just throws the evolutionists away? It says all things were made by Him, created by Him and for Him. So He is the King of Kings and He is the Lord of Lords. And we need to be able to see that. Some ask if Jesus was really Lord when men by wicked hands crucified Him? Of course He was Lord. But He made a statement here that makes all the difference in the world. And He says this in John 10:17, He says, "Therefore doth my Father love me because I lay down my life that I may take it up again." In other words, was Jesus Lord when He died on the cross? Of course He was. Verse 18, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it up again. This commandment have I received of my Father." He laid it down. He takes it up. He is Lord now, though some men refuse to let Him rule in their lives. "Certainly," the Bible says, "know assuredly that God hath made him that same Jesus whom you have crucified, Lord and Christ." The time is coming and everyone will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. In Philippians 2:10 and 11, it says, "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." How many of you dear people believe that? You say, "Well, I believe it, Pastor." Listen, you think about that verse and that will get you, won't it? If you think about it? You think about that verse and that tells you that most of these things that we are told and taught are not true. That day is going to come, and every tongue is going to confess Jesus. That kind of gets me excited, I hope it does you. He is God; He is Lord. And there's going to be an awful lot of people believe that when that death comes. There's going to be not any second, that moment you die, that very second you die, that very second, you're going to look up and there He is. And you're going to see what a great thing it is, what a tremendous time it is.

## QUESTION 7

Jesus is Lord whether men believe it or not, whether man allows Christ to be His Lord or not. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Topic 3: How He Becomes Lord of Your Life**

Paul addresses this issue in Romans 12:1-2. He asks the Christian to give his life as a living sacrifice based on the mercies of God that he's discussed in the first eleven chapters of Romans. Those mercies are the mercies of God in granting salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Contrary to Paul in Romans 12:1-2, Lordship salvation takes an alternate view. They say that you must first make Jesus Lord of your life in order to be saved. In this topic we will look further into this issue.

Just as you receive the Savior by faith, He becomes your Savior, when you allow Christ to control your life, He becomes your Lord. Now I believe every one of you ought to have Jesus controlling your life. And I believe every one of you ought to have Jesus as Lord of your life. But if you have to have him Lord of your life to be saved, then you can't say salvation is by grace. Do you understand that? Do you see what we're trying to get at? There is an increasing number of evangelicals today who are preaching that in order to be saved you must not only receive Christ as Savior, but you must also make Him Master of your life. One of the things that I've never liked about the 4 Spiritual Laws of Campus Crusade is the 4th Spiritual Law says "Kick Ego off and put Jesus on the throne to be saved." That is not salvation. Listen, I'm still trying to kick Ego off, aren't you? I'd love to kick Ego off. Boy, I'm glad my salvation doesn't depend on me kicking Ego off the throne. That'd be kind of bad, wouldn't it?

### **QUESTION 9**

Just as you receive the Savior by faith, when you allow Christ to control your life, He becomes your Lord. *True or False?* Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTION 10**

If you have to have Jesus as Lord of your life to be saved salvation is NOT by grace. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Topic 4: What Lordship Salvation Teaches**

As with any counterfeit, the Lordship salvation proponents make it sound as biblical and spiritual as possible. One of their common catchphrases is, "If he is not Lord of all he is not Lord at all!" Another is, "The type of faith that saves is obedient faith." Or, (based on your behavior) "Maybe you're not really saved!"

What could be more spiritual, what could be a higher goal, than to call people to a more obedient life in Christ? But to do that, from a human perspective, some think we need to hold something over their heads. So, instead of taking the biblical approach and trusting someone's growth to God's grace and discipline, some want to hold a bigger weapon over someone's head. What better of a weapon than to be able to say to someone, "Maybe you're not really saved"?

## **Topic 4: What Lordship Salvation Teaches**

## **It Sounds Spiritual**

The doctrine has been termed Lordship Salvation, and has absolutely no support for it from the Word of God. It is, in fact, another subtle way of Satan has invented to get Bible-believing men to add works to salvation without perhaps their realizing it. A lot of sincere people do this. And it sounds spiritual. What could sound more spiritual and honoring than statements like this? Either Christ is Lord of all or He is not Lord at all. Now let me claim something: either Jesus is Lord of all—and He is Lord of all—but that doesn't mean Lord of all your life. You see what I'm saying? Jesus is Lord of all. Jesus is in total control. Yes, you've got some freedoms right now, but Jesus is in total control and He is Lord of all. Then they say, "If He's not Lord of all, He's not Lord at all." But they're talking about your spiritual life. Man, I'm glad we don't have to make those conditions to be saved. Boy, that'd be a terrible, hard thing, wouldn't it? It really would, it would be a rough thing. But it sounds spiritual. You are lost. You must turn over all the strings of your life to Him and He will save you. Give your life to Him if you want to be truly saved. Man, I tell you I don't give my life to Him, He gave His life to me.

### **QUESTION 11**

Lordship salvation is another subtle way to add works to salvation. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTION 12**

It is humanly possible to meet the conditions Lordship salvation puts upon people for salvation. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Topic 4: What Lordship Salvation Teaches**

### **It Teaches Man's Contribution**

The truth of the matter is salvation is not a "give" proposition at all. It is a "take" proposition. We don't give our hearts, our lives, our wills or anything else to God in order to get Him to save us. This would be a form of bribery. A way of meriting ourselves to be saved, but God says salvation is not of ourselves and especially is not offering anything. Look at John 1:12 with your verses, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even them that believe on his name." You receive Him. You receive Him. God gives His Son (John 3:16). God gives eternal life (John 10:28). Look at John 10:28, "[And] I give unto them eternal life; [and] they shall never perish, neither shall any man [pluck] them out of my hand." I tell you, when I hear people say, "If you're not living it, you're not saved"—Listen, I want all of you to live it. I preach my life for you to live it, but living it does not get you saved. Salvation is separate. I hope you see it. The gospel of grace.

### QUESTION 13

Which of the following do we give to God in exchange for salvation?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Nothing
- B. Our hearts
- C. Our lives
- D. Our wills

### QUESTION 14

If we gave up anything to God it would be a way of meriting salvation. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Topic 4: What Lordship Salvation Teaches

### What God has Given

#### Assignment

- Please memorize Mark 10:45.

God gives believers everything they need through His Son. Look at Romans 8:32, and He “. . . Spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall [he] not with him also freely give us all things?” Let me tell you something else about serving Him. Now I don't want you to misunderstand this. You've got to give your life and you've got to grow in Christ by giving yourself as far as discipleship. But let me tell you, you can't even grow without the grace of God. Doesn't God give us everything we need, honestly? Listen, you can preach your heart out. Now, if God's not in it, you better forget it; it's not going to work. You can try the best you ever try—if God's not in it, listen, there's no goodness in us. God don't need any of us. He doesn't need old Jim Scudder, and He don't need you. Boy, isn't it great that He uses us? You know, He gives us everything we need. Christ didn't come to have us sacrifice, or minister, or give our life to Him, but He came to be our sacrifice, to minister to us, to give of His life a payment, a ransom payment for our sin. “For even the Son of man,” in Mark 10:45, “came not to be ministered onto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many.” Isn't that great? Do you see it? I say, “Well yeah, you see it.”

### QUESTION 15

Which passage would you use to show someone that the God Who didn't spare His own Son will freely give us all things? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. John 1:12
- B. John 10:28
- C. Romans 8:32
- D. Philippians 2:10-11

### QUESTION 16

Please write Mark 10:45 from memory.

## Topic 4: What Lordship Salvation Teaches

### It Teaches Stop Sinning

Listen, God offers to save us as sinners and doesn't require us to stop sinning and start obeying Him before He saves us. Amen. Aren't you glad? “[But] God commendeth his love toward us, [in that,] while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Boy, I tell you I want to get that through. It is so important. You know, 1 John 1:8, “If we say [that] we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” If we say we have no sin—how could anybody say they have no sin? You've got to quit all your sinning to be saved. I tell you, that is one of the worst things that I could ever think of. Stop sinning. That's impossible. Be careful not to ask a person to do the impossible. Remember, God did not require it of you, either. It is only after a person is saved that the Holy Spirit will give him the power to control his old nature and to live the life pleasing Him. Oh I tell you—I just wish—look at Philippians 2:13, “For it is God [which] worketh in you both to will and to do [of] his good pleasure.” You cannot do it on your own. Do you understand?

#### QUESTION 17

God requires us to stop sinning before He saves us. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Topic 4: What Lordship Salvation Teaches

### It Teaches Discipleship

Listen, I believe in serving Him, but salvation is separate from discipleship. You can be saved, and never be a disciple. You'll be miserable, God will chasten you, but you can be saved and never be a disciple. Do you understand? Boy, I love the gospel. Lordship Salvation is something preached by men who are sincerely sick. No, I'm glad God saves us by His grace, because if He didn't, it'd be sad. The spiritual condition of believers is often deplorable, but even a casual reading of the New Testament reveals that the Early Church had the same problems. And never, never did it say to the Corinthian Church that you're not saved, did it?

#### QUESTION 19

Discipleship and salvation are synonymous terms. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

#### QUESTION 20

It takes intense study to find examples of fleshly behavior in the churches Paul writes to in the New Testament. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Topic 5: What Lordship Salvation Ignores

The question remains, “What is the Bible’s response to carnal (fleshly) behavior in New Testament believers?” It is best to look at Paul’s response to the most notoriously carnal church in the New Testament: the Corinthians. Paul calls them “carnal” (1 Cor 3:1-3). But he doesn’t warn them that maybe they weren’t saved in the first place. He makes their salvation clear, calling them “brothers and sisters” and later calls them “babes in Christ.” However, he takes the approach he does all through this epistle. He contrasts the expected behavior and growth of regenerate people with their actual behavior. He says they are acting like unregenerate people.

Either Paul missed something or the teachers of Lordship salvation have!

## Topic 5: What Lordship Salvation Ignores

### The Corinthians

The spiritual condition of believers is often deplorable, but even a casual reading of the New Testament reveals that the Early Church had the same problems. And never, never did it say to the Corinthian Church that you’re not saved, did it? Let’s look at a few of these, okay? Let’s just look at 1 Corinthians 3:1, I like this, “And I brethren,”—notice that, ‘brethren,’ he’s calling them brethren. They’re saved. Boy, they’re as carnal as any group. They’re as carnal as some of the churches around here today—“could not speak unto you as spiritual”—you see that?—“but unto carnal.” Now “carnal” is about the worst word you can be called in the Christian life. No one wants to be called “carnal,” but you know people, they’re in the flesh and say, “I want to do this.” Listen, these people were carnal. “Even as unto babes in Christ” – he says you’re carnal. You’re babies. You’re supposed to be growing. No one wants to be called a baby. If I got up here and said, “You all are babies,” you wouldn’t like that. “I have fed you with milk and not with meat, for hitherto you were [not] able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.” You’re a bunch of babies! But it still says they were brethren, didn’t it? “For you are yet carnal.” Wow. “For where is there among you envying and strife and divisions? Are ye not carnal and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; another, I am [of] Apollos; are [ye] not carnal?” Fleshy, fleshly. Oh, how we see it, how awful it is. How we got to be so very, very careful.

### QUESTION 21

Which of the following does Paul call the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 3:1-4? (*Select all that apply.*)

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Babes
- B. Brothers and Sisters
- C. Carnal
- D. Spiritual
- E. Unbelievers

### QUESTION 22

Carnal is about the worst word you can be called in the Christian life. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Topic 5: What Lordship Salvation Ignores

### How the Apostles Combated Carnality

What did the early apostles do to combat this problem? Did they change the message? Did they say, “Well, we’re going to change the message and if Jesus isn’t Lord of all He is not Lord at all?” No, they didn’t do that. They didn’t say, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved.” They didn’t change it to “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and give up sin, and let Him rule over all details of your life and thou shall be saved.” They didn’t do that, did they? Praise God, of course not. That isn’t the gospel. God doesn’t give the Holy Spirit response to a grace-plus-works message for salvation. What did the apostles do? They emphasized the proper doctrines to meet the needs of the people—such great, life-transforming truths of the Holy Spirit indwelling the believer, Christ’s at-any-moment Return. The problem does not lie with God’s message of salvation. This is eternal and unchanging. If a person has to make Christ Lord of his life to be saved, why are most of the New Testament Epistles filled with commands, warnings, exhortations, pleas, for the child of God to yield to Christ’s Lordship? Let me say something else. If everyone that got saved changed, then everybody would be a preacher. You say “Now why is that?” Because it would be the easiest job on Earth. If Lordship Salvation were true, these people mentioned in the Bible wouldn’t even be called “brethren”. Isn’t that great? Isn’t that great? We need to see that. They have not had to make Him Lord in order to be saved. I think it’s so important that we’re able to see this. Why does it say in Romans 6:12 and 13, “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that [ye] should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield [ye] your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, [as] those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.” If you’re automatic, why would you even need the rest of the Bible? If automatically you served, you wouldn’t need the rest of the Bible. Do you all see what I’m saying? I hope you see what I’m saying. I pray that you see what I am saying.

### QUESTION 23

Which of the following are the truths the apostles taught to combat the problem of carnality in the New Testament Epistles? (*Select all that apply.*)

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. If Jesus is not Lord of all He is not Lord at all
- B. Let Jesus rule over all details of your life and you will be saved
- C. The believer’s indwelling by the Holy Spirit
- D. The imminent return of Jesus Christ

### QUESTION 24

If Lordship salvation were true there would be no need for the Bible to give a Christian commands, exhortations, warning and pleas to yield to Christ’s Lordship. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Topic 5: What Lordship Salvation Ignores

## Lordship's Primary Verse

### Assignment

- Please read Romans 10:9-10.

Now let me tell you where most of the problem comes from. The primary verse that these people use is Romans 10:9. The primary verse used to proving the teaching of Lordship Salvation, the King James Version reads, "That if thou [shalt] confess" — you notice that toward the bottom of your page, the very bottom — "That if thou [shalt] confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and [shalt] believe in thine heart that God [hath] raised him from the dead, thou [shalt] be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Now you say, "Wait a minute, Pastor, I thought you said you didn't have to use the heart?" Well, it says to confess with their mouth and believe in their heart—your heart is your innermost being. The Jews are the ones that said, "Crucify Him". This was written primarily here to the Jews. They said, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" with their mouth, and he says if you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, that He was Jehovah God, that He was the Messiah, and believe in your heart—not believe in your pump—believe in your heart. The word "heart" means your innermost being. In Africa, they thought that, they didn't say "heart," they said "liver". And you don't say, "Take Jesus in your liver, that's silly." That's not the Bible. Now listen, I know that's precious to some of you, and I'm not trying to ridicule you. I hope you don't—I'm just saying it's just not Bible, okay? Your heart means your innermost being, okay? The gospel is not taking Jesus into, it's believing with our mind. 5,000 believed and were saved.

### QUESTION 25

Romans 9; 10; 11 are written mainly about \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. The Gentiles
- B. The Jews
- C. The Romans
- D. The unbelievers

### QUESTION 26

What does the heart represent in this passage? Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Your best intentions
- B. Your innermost being
- C. Your intellect
- D. Your will

## Topic 6: Evaluation

Our goal is always to be as biblical as possible. We want to use clear biblical terms, especially for the gospel and presenting salvation. Therefore we use the word *believe* when stating the human responsibility towards the gospel of salvation. We don't want to include extra steps or an extra quality to our faith even if we think that may result in better human compliance. For our ideas of human compliance to a standard of behavior may be different than God's for that person. It shows a lack of trust in God's grace and discipline in the Christian life.

Lordship salvation does include unclear terms and extra steps. When someone presents it we must turn away from it. It is a dangerous false teaching that clouds and complicates the clear and simple gospel of grace. In contrast, we must keep it simple and clear.

Lordship salvation is a heresy that is sending many people to Hell. Many people to Hell. When you hear it, you better turn away from it, because it's not Bible. Jesus Christ is the Lord. He is God. He is the Savior. We accept Him as our Savior to be saved, and then once we are saved, we should make Him Lord. But making Him Lord of our life—He is the Lord, we don't make Him Lord. He already is the Lord—but we should have Him as Lord of our life, and that takes a lifetime to accomplish, and we do never totally get it accomplished until we get to Heaven. That's the gospel. That is the gospel. What a blessed thing it is. So, "confess with your mouth," and when a person says, "I believe that Jesus Christ," especially those that put Him on the cross, "is Lord," confess it with your mouth and believe it in your heart. You see, that's not works. You see that? You believe in your heart. Now do you see the difference in believe it in your heart? If someone says, "Believe in your heart," I don't have near the problem as I have when someone says, "Take Jesus in your heart." First of all, nowhere in the Bible does anybody ever do that. Okay, now I know some of you have used that term, and listen, some of you have won more souls, even with that term than other people have used with no terms. Okay, you understand what I'm saying? I'm saying this is not a Biblical term, but many of you used it and people understood that Jesus paid for their sins and they got saved. And you've done a great work. And I'm not belittling that. Listen, the worse cause I can ever think of someone knowing the gospel is knowing it and never doing anything with it. Listen, there are people that are sincere. They've done a good work and God bless them. One time, a preacher said, "Well, that's not what I mean." Well, then we should say what the Bible says. Listen, I don't want you to make the gospel like Quentin Road, I want you just to give it like it is in the Bible. Give it like it is in the Bible. We're not trying to say, "I want you to be like Quentin Road." No, I want you to give it, give it like it is in the Bible—5,000 believed and were saved. See what I'm saying? "For by grace are you saved," okay? "Through faith and not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast." That's what I want you to do—give it like it is in the Bible. Now, if it's not in the Bible, if there's no verse in the Bible that says, "And Jesus went to this little girl, and she says, 'What must I do to be saved?' and Jesus says, 'Honey, take Jesus in your heart.'" He doesn't do that. The Philippian jailor says to the apostle, "What must I do to be saved?" And Paul says, "Take Jesus in your heart." No, he says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved and thy house." Give it the way it is in the Bible, and if you give it the way it is in the Bible, you'll never go wrong. Listen, keep these verses. You'll be surprised how those verses will help you in incredible ways.

### **QUESTION 27**

The proper order for doing things is to first decide to make Jesus Lord of our life and then believe for salvation. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### **QUESTION 28**

Lordship salvation is a heresy that is sending many people to Hell. *True or False?*

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lesson 14 Answers to Questions

**QUESTION 1:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

**QUESTION 2:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

**QUESTION 3:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no Saviour.”

### QUESTION 4

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Teaching</i>
John 1:1-3	All things were made by the word Who was in the beginning with God.
John 1:14	The word was made flesh and dwelt among us as we beheld His glory, grace and truth.
John 1:29	John the Baptist saw Jesus and declared Him the Lamb of God who takes away our sin.

**QUESTION 5:** True [When man individually recognizes that Jesus is truly the Savior and trusts Him to be His Savior, then, and only then, does the man receive the benefits of Christ’s salvation.]

### QUESTION 6

- A. It is silly to say you have to make Jesus Lord to be saved.
  - B. You must believe Jesus is Lord to be saved.
  - D. The amazing truth of God’s word is that man can forbid the Savior to save him.
- [You never hear anyone saying, “Make Jesus savior to be saved!”]

**QUESTION 7:** True [What we have seen about Christ being the Savior also applies to His Lordship.]

### QUESTION 8

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Teaching</i>
John 10:17	Jesus says His Father loves Him because He willingly laid down His life.
John 10:18	No man takes Jesus’ life from Him and He has the power to take it again.
Acts 2:36	Let all know that God has made the Jesus they crucified Lord and Christ.
Philippians 2:10-11	At Jesus’ name every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord.
Colossians 1:16	All things in heaven and earth were created by and for him.

**QUESTION 9:** True [Every one of us ought to have Jesus controlling our life.]

**QUESTION 10:** True [It is a good thing our salvation does not depend on kicking our ego off the throne.]

**QUESTION 11:** True [It sounds spiritual, honoring to the Lord, with statements like this: Either Christ is Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all.]

**QUESTION 12:** False [It sounds spiritual: “You are lost. Turn over all the strings of your life to Him, and He will save you. Give your life to Him if you want to be truly saved.”]

### QUESTION 13

- A. Nothing [The truth of the matter is that salvation is not a give proposition at all, it is a take or receive proposition.]

**QUESTION 14:** True [Surrender for salvation would be a form of bribery.]

### QUESTION 15

- C. Romans 8:32 [God gives believers everything they need through His Son.]

**QUESTION 16:** *Your answer should be similar to the following:*

“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

**QUESTION 17:** False [God offers to save us as sinners, and does not require us to stop sinning and start obeying before He saves us.]

**QUESTION 18**

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Teaching</i>
Romans 5:8	God showed his love toward us by saving us while we were yet sinners.
Philippians 2:13	God works in us both to will and do his good pleasure.
1 John 1:8	If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves.

**QUESTION 19:** False [We believe in serving Christ, but salvation is separate from discipleship. God will chasten you but you can be saved and never be a disciple.]

**QUESTION 20:** False [Even a casual reading of the New Testament reveals that the early church had the same problems.]

**QUESTION 21**

- A. Babes
- B. Brothers and Sisters
- C. Carnal

[They are brothers and sisters of Paul which means they are saved.]

**QUESTION 22:** True [Carnal means fleshly. They were acting like unbelievers.]

**QUESTION 23**

- C. The believer’s indwelling by the Holy Spirit
- D. The imminent return of Jesus Christ

[They did not change the message of salvation to combat this problem.]

**QUESTION 24:** True [If Lordship Salvation were true, these people mentioned in the Bible would not even be called brethren.]

**QUESTION 25**

- B. The Jews [Context is important and sometimes the message is somewhat different for a Jewish audience than a Gentile audience.]

**QUESTION 26**

- B. Your innermost being [If you will confess with your mouth that He was Jehovah-God, He was the Messiah, and believe in your heart (innermost being) you will be saved.]

**QUESTION 27:** False [Rather, it is the opposite and it takes a lifetime to accomplish making Him Lord of your life.]

**QUESTION 28:** True [When you hear it, turn away from it, because it is not Bible.]

**QUESTION 29:** *Your answe*