

# **LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

## **LIFE APPLICATION BIBLE STUDY**

### **ACKNOWLEDGING JESUS AS LORD**

Many have different views of JESUS. To some, HE might just be a very moral man, or a prophet, an enlightened man from India, a rebel and blasphemer, and still some believe HE never existed. Whatever the case may be, how one views JESUS CHRIST is most critical according to THE WORD of GOD. THE BIBLE says we must acknowledge HIM as LORD and eventually everyone will (Rom.14:11). Acknowledge means “to admit to be true or express recognition. WE must come to an understanding of this. Our eyes were opened when we (born again believers) confessed JESUS as our LORD. We said to ourselves,” you know what, HE really is LORD”. We recognized JESUS as THE SON of GOD. Now what happens when we acknowledge HIM as LORD? Let us see.

**COLOSSIANS 1:15-23** will be our main scriptures for this bible study. Please read over until your mind absorbs it and let THE HOLY GHOST speak to your heart.

-In v.15, “CHRIST is the visible expression of the invisible GOD.” What are some of the difficulties we have in trying to know and relate to an invisible GOD?

Answer- there could be many answers to this question, here are just a few:

\*We cannot see HIM. We as humans live by what we see. It’s in our nature.

\*How can GOD relate to us if HE is all powerful and we are so limited in our lives in what we can do, what we know, does HE feel what I feel in the bad times, living in the struggles of life.

\*We know we’re not perfect so how can we live a perfect life(morally speaking) which is what GOD wants from us because HE is perfect(sinless). How can we live up to HIS standards.

-How has CHRIST’S incarnation (GOD becoming a human being) overcome these difficulties?

Answer- JESUS says that if we have seen HIM, we have seen THE FATHER. Of course we have not seen JESUS but the just shall live by faith. As we read THE SCRIPTURES, The things we see JESUS go through and how HE reacts, we know in our hearts HE can relate to us. Though GOD in the flesh, HE humbled HIMSELF to the limitations of this flesh. HE felt pain, anger, sorrow, betrayal, weakness, cold, hungry, and fear in the garden of Gethsemane. HE experienced death and being tempted but without sin meaning HE resisted giving in to sin. He was still complete in GOD living in victory with joy, peace, and holiness through THE HOLY GHOST, not wanting in anything, satisfied in GOD. We have a savior who can relate to us. That goes a long way when trying to live the born again walk.

-In certain versions of the bible, firstborn is used in v.15 and 18. What does this word mean in the greek?

Answer-to bear, to bring forth, or preeminent. Preeminent is to be first, chief, hold first in rank, highest is dignity.

It is used to describe CHRIST as supreme over all creation, the source of all creation and ruler over it. IT means CHRIST is LORD. IT DOES NOT mean HE was created first like some false teachers claim but that's another bible study for another time.

-In the bible study scriptures, in what ways is CHRIST LORD?

Answer-v.16 states all things were created by HIM, for HIM, and through HIM.

v.17 claims HE is before all things and in HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST OR RATHER HE holds all things together(our planet, the sky, the ground, the sun, the stars, and yes, even our HEARTS, CARES, NEEDS, DESIRES, RELATIONSHIPS, FAMILIES, MARRIAGES,ETC.). JESUS holds it ALL together if we let HIM.

v.18 says HE is the head of the body meaning the church which is us. It means HE is in charge of our lives, not just when we're in the building of the church.

V.18 also states HE is the beginning, the firstborn, that HE may have the preeminence. Basically saying again that HE REIGNS and before all things since HE is the one who created all things.

V19 and 20 reads that all the fullness of creation dwells in CHRIST, in Heaven or Earth, all things (creation) are reconciled in HIM. HE made peace through the blood of HIS cross.

V.22 CHRIST made us holy, blameless, above reproach through HIS sacrificed BLOOD, not of our own doing. We couldn't do it. Only THE ONE TRUE LIVING GOD can do it.

- According to verse 16, what is the purpose of creation? Answer- Everything created is by GOD and for GOD, PERIOD! Not for ourselves, not for our families, country, government, the earth, whatever. IT is all for GOD's glory and HIS will. The world revolves around JESUS and so do The Heavens.

-How should this affect our attitude toward everything we do in our lives? Answer- Everything we do in our life should be done for the glory of GOD. Whether it be motives, thoughts, actions, desires, feelings, priorities, relationships, jobs, families, friends, goals, etc. It's all for the glory of GOD, even our failures because GOD can bring good out of a bad situation because HE is an AWESOME, ALL POWERFUL, PERFECTLY LOVING, AND MERCIFUL GOD and wants to bless us while at the same time getting the glory which HE just so deserves. AMEN AND AMEN! If GOD created it, HE created it for a GOOD PURPOSE. DO it HIS way, and good will come out of it.

-Knowing that CHRIST is head of the church, how can this make a difference in The Body of CHRIST? Answer- Many answers can be given for this but I will put this down due to it being very important. OBEY Headship of the church. I mean follow them as they follow CHRIST. As they lead you and you see them following CHRIST as best as they can, follow them. Like JESUS asked the disciples to follow HIM, we do just the same. GOD is pleased with this and will bless it.

-In verse 20, what was GOD's ultimate plan through THE CROSS? Answer- To bring reconciliation between GOD and HIS creation. To have peace with us. GOD does not want to pour out HIS wrath on us. HE eternally wants a loving relationship with us. So much so that HE gave HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. John 3:16 says that HE SO LOVES US. What a wonderful thing for someone we care about to say that they SO LOVE US AND PROVES IT WITH ACTION. This is what GOD has done for us. We do not have to be alienated any more(separated in an unfriendly way)

-According to verse 22, how are we at peace with GOD by THE CROSS? Answer- Our sins are wiped away by THE BLOOD of THE LAMB(JESUS CHRIST) thus we are made Holy in GODS eyes and GODS wrath does not abide on us.

-Even though we explained in a little more detail that CHRIST IS LORD, HE can't force us to make HIM LORD of our lives. Who is responsible for this most important decision? Answer- We are due to our own free will. It is such a powerful thing to possess our freedom, freedom to choose our thoughts and actions. It is appointed once for man to die and then The Judgement. THERE is no second chances, no reincarnation, no nothingness according to atheist. There is a destination at the end. Two choices. But they must be made today, in this lifetime. In the next life it will be too late. If you are not saved, what will be your choice. Taste and see that THE LORD IS GOOD.

-One personal question to ask yourself is if JESUS is supposed to have the supremacy in our lives, what are the things that have first place instead of CHRIST? One thing for sure is, whatever it is, it did not take a beating for us, die for us, and rose again on the third day, even when we didn't deserve it. Thank you and GOD bless.

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