

**WE BELIEVE:
THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST**

Romans 10:9-13

K. We believe that we must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the service of our Lord, to His authority over our lives, and to the ministry of evangelism. We believe that the ministry of evangelism and discipleship is the responsibility of all followers of Jesus Christ.

Matt 9:35-38; Matt 22:37-39; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Rom 10:9-15;
Gal 6:10; Col 2:6-10; 1 Pet 3:15

Lordship of Christ

Lord: Supreme in authority; controller; master;
he to whom a person or thing belongs

- He is Lord of all creation (Col 1:15-17, Heb 1:1-3, Rev 17:14, 19:16)
- Is He Lord of us?
 - So many lords...
 - Everyone will acknowledge/submit to His lordship (Phil 2:9-11)
 - The option to submit to His lordship now = salvation (Rom 10)

*Turning to Christ in faith for salvation
equals submitting to Him as Lord*

We have a change of authority. A change of masters. We're no longer slaves of sin, but slaves of God. (Romans 6:22)

Therefore, genuine faith always produces authentic obedience.

The desire to serve is met with the power to serve (Acts 1:8)

*Beware identifying in word only: Luke 6:46-49, Matthew 7:21-23

They identified with Him, but never submitted to Him

Prayer

Responsibility *and* natural response

- Matt 6:5-15, Matt 9:37-38

- Declaration of dependence upon Him
 - 2 Chronicles 20, Luke 5:16

Evangelism

Sharing the good news of Jesus

Responsibility *and* natural response

- Matt 28:18-20, 1 Peter 3:15-16, 2 Timothy 4:5, 2 Cor 5:18-20, Rom 10:14-15
- Beggars telling other beggars where they've found bread
 - John 4:29

Discipleship

Growing and helping others to grow in Christ

- 2 Peter 3:18
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- See also all of the “one anothers” in the scriptures



