



Living the Christian Life Bible Study

Lesson 8 (NIV)

Understanding Jesus Christ as the Lord of Your Life

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5.0 For Further Study on your own.

Read the verses shown below and write down you thoughts about them.

1. To see what Jesus said was required of His followers, read Luke 9:23-26 and Luke 14:25-33.

2. For additional description of the fruit that should be seen in a Christian's life, read Galatians 5:22-24.

3. To see how important Paul thought it was to follow Jesus, read Philippians 3:8-14.

4. To understand what it means to have Christ as the Lord of your life, read Romans 12.

4.0 Jesus Christ describes our relationship to Him

In the 15th chapter of John, Jesus Christ describes how we should relate to Him. Read John 15:1-8 and answer the following questions.

(15:1) Who is the true vine? _____.

(15:1) Who is the gardener? _____

(15:5) Who are the branches? _____

(15:4) Where do the branches get their strength? _____

(15:5) Where do we get our strength? _____

(15:5) What can we do without Christ? _____

(15:5, 8) What can we do with Christ? _____

1.0 Introduction

To be a Christian is to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Being a Christian is not like choosing to cheer for one football team rather than another; in other words, being a Christian is not like being a Browns fan. Being a Christian means committing my whole life to being obedient to Jesus Christ, not simply making Him a part of my life. He doesn't just fill the religious compartment of my life; He is the king over all activities of my life. Every aspect of my life will be different because of my relationship with Jesus Christ. Because of Him, I am different as a husband or wife, father or mother, friend, employee, and neighbor. Jesus Christ and His plans for me become the driving force in my life. Anything less than this is a failure to understand who He really is and what He has for us. This was well expressed by C. T. Studd, who said "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice I can ever make for Him will be too great." As we submit to Him in this way, we find that there is a greater peace and joy in our souls than could ever happen when we control our own lives.

2.0 Jesus Christ is worthy of being the Lord of Our Life

Because of who Jesus Christ is, He is worthy of being the Lord of our lives. The following verse tells us seven very important things about who Jesus Christ is and why He is worthy of being the Lord of our lives.

Hebrews 1:1-3 - *In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by his son,*

whom he appointed _____ of _____, and through whom he made the _____.

3The Son is the _____ of God's _____

and the _____ of his being,

sustaining _____ by his powerful

_____. *After he had provided*

_____ for _____, he sat down at the

_____ of the _____ in heaven.

So is Jesus capable of being Lord of my life? _____

3.0 Jesus Teaches that we should obey Him.

In the 14th chapter of John, Jesus tells his disciples four times that they must obey Him. Read John 14:15-31 and answer the questions below.

(14:15) What is the basis for obeying His commands?

(14:23-24) How are we to show our love for Jesus?

(14:23-24) What will be the result of obeying His commands?

(14:31) Who is the example of obedience that we are to follow?

(14:31) Who did Jesus obey?
