

I began this tract by saying that the most exciting news a person could ever hear is that Jesus Christ died for his sins. In contrast to that, probably **the most devastating words a person could ever hear God say are; "Depart from me, I never knew you."** If you don't know Jesus as your Lord, you can. He's only a prayer away.

Bible References: ¹Luke 12:34; ²Matt 7:23

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SAVIOR BUT NOT LORD

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Knowing that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins is the most exciting news a person could ever hear. To realize that the God of the whole universe was punished for you, is to say the least, overwhelming.

But merely knowing that Jesus died for you and yet not responding appropriately is almost an insult. What more could Jesus have done than give His life for the sins of the world? He graciously gave the most precious thing He had (His life), and so it is only proper that we give everything we have to Him in return.

It has been said that either Jesus is the Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all. This is so true. Can you imagine if I told my wife that I loved her more than any other person in the world, except Barbara? She would not be flattered that she was securely in 2nd place. My wife would rightfully want to be the most important woman in my life.

In a similar way **consider your relationship with Jesus Christ. Is He number one in every area of your life? "Number One?" "In every area?"** Jesus said, "Wherever your treasure is, there is your heart also."¹ If someone or something else is more important to you than your relationship with Jesus, then He is not the Lord of every area of your life.

Imagine if the police were to come to your home with a search warrant, insisting upon searching your whole house. What if you told them they could look anywhere in your home except in the bottom drawer of your bedroom dresser. They would say, "Forget the rest of the house, what's in that bottom drawer?" Whatever was most important to you, would be most important to them.

Who is the Lord of your life? Is it someone other than Jesus? **Perhaps you yourself are still the lord of your own life.** What a terrible shame. The only way you can be a Christian and a true disciple of Jesus Christ is to surrender every part of your life to the God who made you.

What keeps you from making that commitment? Whatever it is, it is not worth it. How terrible it will be for all those who stand before God if they have not really made Him Lord of their lives. Even if you call Him Lord, it does not guarantee that He really is number one in your life. Just because there are millions of men all over the world who are called "husbands", does not mean that they are all faithful to their marriage commitments.

Jesus said that there will be many people in the day of judgment who will say, "Lord, didn't we do great things in your name?" and He will say to them, "Depart from me, I never knew you."²