

RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST IN ALL HIS ROLES

* Philippians 1:21; Colossians 2:10; 3:11

A. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR

1. From the time of the writing prophets onward (Isa. 43:10-11; Hos. 13:4), _____ is viewed as Savior (Luke 1:47; Eph. 5:23; Titus 1:3-4; 2:10, 13; 3:4, 6; 2 Peter 1:1).

* *Why is Jesus Christ uniquely qualified to be the Savior of mankind?* (1 Tim. 2:4-6)

2. God wants all mankind to respond to Christ as Savior simply by _____ (1 Tim. 4:10).

B. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD

1. Jesus Christ is Lord in the sense that He is _____ and is the _____ of the universe (Acts 2:34, 36; 10:36, 42; 1 Cor. 8:4-6; 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 19:16).

2. God wants all believers to respond to Christ's Lordship by _____ upon the fact of our _____ and _____ with Him, and _____ ourselves as instruments of righteousness to Him in light of our identification with Him (Rom. 6:11-13).

* *What will this result in and why is this order so important?*

C. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST AS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

1. As the Head of the church, Christ has the position of _____ in His body to _____ its activities and spiritual growth (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:7-16; 5:23-29; Col. 1:18; 2:19).

* *What does Christ do as Head of the church?*

2. As our spiritual Head, God wants believers to _____ to Christ (Eph. 5:21-24) and _____ to Him (Col. 2:19).

D. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SPIRITUAL VINE

1. As a spiritual Vine, Jesus Christ is the _____ of all spiritual _____ and _____ in believers/branches. (John 15:1-5; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 3:5-6; Phil. 1:11)
2. The response of the believer to Christ as our spiritual Vine is simply to _____ in Him, which contextually means to _____ in _____ upon the source of life where we have been placed. (John 15:4-5)

E. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR HIGH PRIEST

1. As our High Priest, Jesus Christ provides for us _____ for sin (Heb. 2:17), _____ with us in our weakness (Heb. 4:15), and _____ and _____ (Heb. 7:25).
2. As a believer, your response to Christ as your High Priest should be to _____ to His throne of grace to find mercy and grace in time of need (Heb. 4:16).

F. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SHEPHERD

1. Jesus Christ is also the believer's Shepherd, _____, _____, and _____ for your every spiritual need. (John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 2:25; 5:4; Heb. 13:20-21)
2. Your (implied) response as a believer to Christ as Shepherd is to _____ Him by faith.

G. RESPONDING TO JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR BRIDEGROOM & BLESSED HOPE

1. Jesus Christ, as a bridegroom, is preparing a place in heaven for His bride, the church, and will one day return at the _____ to _____ His bride away to be with Him forever (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).
2. As a believer, your response to Christ's promised return for you should be one of eager _____ as we continually _____ for Him at any moment. (1 Cor. 1:7; Phil. 3:20; 1 Thess. 1:9-10; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28).

* *What should all of this teach us about the focus and direction of our Christian life?* (Heb. 12:1-2)