

Romans 14; Lord's Day 13

I BELIEVE IN JESUS AS LORD

- I. The confession.
 - A. As Lord He has the right to set the standard for what is right, to demand compliance, and to reward and punish.
 - B. Jesus Christ is supreme Lord of the entire universe.
 - C. Also Jesus is Lord in a special way to His people because He bought them with His blood and He rules over us by His grace.
- II. How does this confession reveal itself?
 - A. After redeeming us, He establishes His throne in our hearts, realizing His Lordship in us. We do not make Him our Lord.
 1. Christ's Lordship is made real to us by the work of His Spirit in our hearts, giving us a new, spiritual life (I Cor. 8:6; 12:3).
 2. To confess that Jesus is Lord is to say that He has rights to me.
 3. He is in sovereign and wise control of every circumstance and event in my life: work, economy, cancer, special needs, etc.
 - B. Then He sovereignly moves me surrender myself to Him.
 1. I see myself as His property: body and soul, heart, mind, will, family, possessions, job, etc.
 2. And this means that He rules over me by grace and the constraining power of His love, not by force and compulsion.
 3. Thus we begin to love Him as Lord-Redeemer, to long for Him, to trust Him, and to surrender ourselves to Him.
- III. The great implications of our confessing Jesus' Lordship.
 - A. First, all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom. 10:13).
 - B. Second, His Lordship brings a great obligation.
 - C. Third, His Lordship gives great comfort.
 - D. To confess His Lordship in this world means we receive the hatred of the world (John 16:33).