Romans 10; Lord's Day 13 I BELIEVE IN THE LORD

- I. The confession explained.
 - A. Jesus Christ is supreme Lord of the entire universe.
 - 1. He is this by being its Creator (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:16).
 - 2. He is this by virtue of His exaltation (Eph. 1:20b-22).
 - 3. Jesus is the only Lord over all not in a class of lords.
 - B. 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.
 - 1. Jesus paid the price for His people freeing us from the slavery of sin and Satan and making us to be His precious property.
 - 2. The Lord counted the souls of His brethren to be more precious than His own. What grace!
- II. How does this confession reveal itself?
 - A. Having redeemed us, He establishes His throne in our hearts. He realizes His Lordship in us; we do not make Him our Lord.
 - B. To confess that Jesus is Lord is to say that He has rights to me.
 - C. We surrender ourselves to Him.
 - D. To confess His Lordship in this world means we receive the hatred of the world.
 - 1. They hate His Lordship and therefore those that confess it. So, if we bow to His Lordship we can expect tribulation.
 - 2. But we can still be of good cheer for He has overcome the world.
- III. The great implications of our acknowledging Jesus' Lordship.
 - A. First, all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom. 10:13).
 - B. Second, this fact brings a great obligation.
 - C. Third, His Lordship gives great comfort.