"Crown Him Lord Of All" Romans 14:9

Introduction:

- 1. Please Open Your Bibles With Me:
 - To Romans 14!
 - Now As I Was Preparing For This Morning's Message:
 - I Came To The Next Verse:
 - In Our Journey Through The Book Of Romans:
 - Romans 14:9 Where Paul Reminds Us Of These Truths:
 - "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living!"
- 2. After Preparing To Cover 14:9-13 This Morning:
 - My Mind & Heart Kept Going Back To:
 - Verse 9 Especially Knowing That:
 - We Would Be Participating In The Lord's Supper:
 - This Morning!
 - And So I Thought It Would Be A Good Opportunity:
 - To Linger For A Time:
 - On This Verse:
 - And Turn The Entire Service:
 - Over To The Lord's Supper Today!
- 3. We've Done This:
 - Several Times In The Past:
 - But As We Look At The Details Of This Verse:
 - The Service Will Be Interspersed With:
 - Singing & Commemorating:
 - And Even Celebrating:
 - The Great Plan & Purpose Of Christ's Sacrifice On Calvary!
 - So As We Keep Our Bibles Open:
 - Keep Your Hymn Books Open As Well:
 - As We Sing Through They Hymn:
 - "Jesus Paid It All!"
 - So Lets Turn To Hymn #125:
 - And Sing Just The First Verse & The Chorus:
 - Before We Jump Into:
 - Romans 14:9!
 - Sing #125 Jesus Paid It All Verse 1!
- 4. Once Again:
 - In Dealing With What Our Relationships Should Be Like:
 - As Christians With Other Christians:
 - He Points Us Back To The Gospel:
 - 14:9 "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living!"
 - In This Single Verse:
 - We Are Given Not Only:
 - The Plan Of Christ's Coming:
 - Into This World:
 - But Even The Purpose:
 - Of His Coming!
 - And As We Go Through Our Communion Service This Morning:
 - I Would Like For Us To Take A Closer Look At Both! First:
- 1. The Plan Of Christ's Coming!
 - Which Is Given To Us:
 - Using Three Verbs:
 - Christ Died!
 - Christ Rose! And:

- Christ Revived!
- Now There Are Some Translations:
 - That Omit Here That Christ "Rose":
 - Based On A Few Older Greek Manuscripts:
 - But The Vast Majority Of Them Include It, As It Was Received By Churches Over The Centuries!
- And So As We Look At This Verse:
 - We Will Consider The Plan Of Christ's Coming:
 - Using All Three Verbs!
 - And The First Verb Reminds Us About:

* The Redemption Of Jesus Christ!

- According To 1 Corinthians 7:23:
 - The Apostle Paul Reveals The Significance Of The Death Of Christ On The Cross:
 - "Ye Are Bought With A Price!"
 - You Have Been Redeemed!
- And According To 1 Peter 1:18-19:
 - The Apostle Peter Further Describes This

Redemption In This Way:

- "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; / But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot!"
- The First Part Of God's Plan:
 - For The Coming Of Christ:
 - Was To Redeem You:
 - Through His Own Death!
 - And When Jesus Died:
- He Died As A Sacrifice!
 - This Was The Testimony Of John The Baptist:
 - When Jesus Came To Be Baptized In The Jordan River:
 - "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!"
 - Whereas The Animal Sacrifices:
 - Under The Old Testament / Covenant:
 - Only Covered Sins:
 - For A Time!
 - This Divine Sacrifice:
 - Which Initiated The New Testament / Covenant:
 - Could Take Away Sin & Its Guilt For Anyone Who Might Believe!
 - When Jesus Died:
 - He Died As The Necessary Sacrifice:
 - For Sin! Also When Jesus Died:
- He Died As A Substitute!
 - When Paul Explained The Gospel:
 - In 1 Corinthians 15:53 He Tells Us That:
 - "Christ Died For Our Sins According To The Scriptures!"
 - This Means That:
 - When Jesus Died On The Cross:
 - And Bore The Curse Of God On That Cross:
 - He Did So In Your Place & On Your Behalf!
 - He Substituted Himself For You!
 - All Of Your Sins & Even Your Own Sinfulness:
 - He Took To His Cross:
 - To Take Upon Himself:
 - The Fury Of God's Wrath:
 - So That You Might Go Free!
 - When Jesus Died:
 - He Died As The Necessary Substitute:
 - For Your Sin! Also When Jesus Died:
- He Died As A Savior!

- This Is Implied In The Title Jesus Is Given:
 - As "Christ!"
 - Which Means In Old Testament Terms:
 - "Messiah" Or "The Anointed One Of God!"
- Christ's Death:
 - Was Not An Accident:
 - But Was A Plan & Mission:
 - Established Before The Foundations Of The World!
 - This Is Why When Christ Died:
 - It Was "According To The Scriptures!"
- It Was Revealed To Us Over Time:
 - That There Would Be Someone Coming Into This World:
 - Who Would Be Chosen By God To Be:
 - The Final Prophet!
 - The Perfect Priest! And:
 - The Eternal King! And:
 - Who Would Be God Himself In Human Flesh!
- This Messiah This Christ:
 - Came To Be The "Savior Of The World!"
 - So That "Whoseoever Believeth In Him Should Not Perish, But Have Everlasting Life!"
- When Jesus Died:
 - He Died As The Necessary Savior:
 - For Sinners Like You & Like Me!
- Let's Celebrate:
 - The Redemption Of Christ:
 - By Singing Verse 2 Of "Jesus Paid It All!" (#125)
 - And Then Remember His Sacrifice:
 - And His Body:
 - That Was Broken For You!
 - At This Time:
 - Distribute Bread / Prayer / Reading:
 - 1 Corinthians 11:23-24 "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the [same] night in which he was betrayed took bread: / And when he had given thanks, he brake [it], and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me!"
- The Next Part:
 - Of The Plan Of Christ's Coming:
 - That We Come To In Romans 14:9 Is:

* The Resurrection Of Christ!

- 14:9 "For to this end Christ both died, and rose!"
 - The Physical Resurrection Of Jesus From The Dead:
 - Is A Cardinal Truth & Doctrine Of Our Faith!
 - In 1 Corinthians 15:10 The Apostle Paul Adds:
 - "And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain!"
 - And Christ's Resurrection:
 - Was Also A Part Of God's Plan:
 - To Rescue Sinners Like Us From Our Sin!
 - So What Did Christ's Resurrection Accomplish?
- When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Perform His Promises!
 - Even As He Told His Disciples:
 - In Matthew 20:18-19 "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, / And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify [him]: and the third day he shall rise again!"
 - If Jesus Could Not Keep This Promise:

- Could He Keep Any Of Them?
 - And Yet He Did Keep This Promise:
 - And So Can & Will Keep:
 - The Rest Of Them!
- When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Perform His Promises! Also:
- When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Provide His Peace!
 - Even As He Did For His Disciples:
 - On The Sunday After His Resurrection:
 - In John 20:19-20 "Then the same day at evening, being the first [day] of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace [be] unto you. / And when he had so said, he shewed unto them [his] hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord!"
 - When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Provide His Peace:
 - Not Only To Them:
 - But Also For You!
 - And This Is What His Peace Can Do For You:
 - It Can Make You Glad! Also:
- When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Prepare His Place:
 - For Those Who Believe In & Trust In Him!
 - In John 14:1-3 Jesus Says:
 - "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. / In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. / And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also!"
 - It Is Only Through The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ:
 - That You Can Now Have This Hope!
 - When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Prepare A Place:
 - For You! Also:
- When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Prove His Pardon!
 - And To Show That His Sacrifice:
 - Was Complete & Sufficient:
 - For You!
 - Paul Reminds Us Of The Necessity Of The Resurrection:
 - Back In 1 Corinthians 15:17 "And if Christ be not raised, your faith [is] vain; ye are yet in your sins!"
 - You See A Dead Savior:
 - Is No Savior At All!
 - But As Alfred Ackley Once Wrote:
 - "I Serve A Risen Savior! He's In The World Today! I Know That He Is Living, Whatever Men May Say! I See His Hand Of Mercy, I Hear His Voice Of Cheer! And Just / All The Time I Need Him, He's Always Near!"
 - When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Prove His Pardon:
 - To All Who Believe! Also:

- When Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - He Did So To:
 - Proclaim His Power!
 - And His Triumph Over:
 - All His Enemies!
 - The Devil! Depravity! And Even Death Itself!
 - This Was Part Of Paul's Message:
 - In The City Of Athens In Acts 17:31:
 - "Because he / God hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead!"
- Let's Celebrate:
 - The Resurrection Of Christ:
 - By Singing Verse 3 Of "Jesus Paid It All!" (#125)
 - And Then Remember His Sacrifice:
 - And His Blood:
 - That Was Shed For You!
 - At This Time:
 - Distribute Juice / Prayer / Reading:
 - 1 Corinthians 11:25 "25 After the same manner also [he took] the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink [it], in remembrance of me!"
- The Next Part:
 - Of The Plan Of Christ's Coming:
 - That We Come To In Romans 14:9 Is:

* The Return Of Christ!

- Not From Heaven But To Heaven:
 - "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived!"
 - To "Revive" Means:
 - To Live Again With All The Strength, Vigor, And Vitality That He Had Before!
 - And I Don't Think This Refers To Just His Life On Earth:
 - But His Eternal Life & Nature In Heaven!
- Because After Jesus Rose From The Dead:
 - After 40 Days He Returned To His Home In Heaven:
 - And Was Fully Glorified:
 - Even As He Prayed In John 17:5:
 - "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was!"
 - All This Took Place:
 - At His Ascension Which Is Described For Us:
 - In Acts 1:9 "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight!"
 - And So When Jesus Returned To Heaven:
 - It Was:
- For Exaltation!
 - His Own Exaltation & Honor:
 - By His Father:
 - For The Work That He Accomplished:
 - On Earth!
 - Isn't This What We Find Going On:
 - In Philippians 2:9-11 That After Jesus Died, Wa Buried, And Rose Again:
 - "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: / That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth; / And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father!"
 - Even This Very Day:
 - The Jesus Christ Is Lord:

- And Is "Set Down At The Right Hand Of The Throne Of God!"
 - Now "He Is Exalted! The King Is Exalted On High! I Will Praise Him! He Is Exalted, Forever Exalted, And I Will Praise His Name!"
- Because When Jesus Ascended & Returned To Heaven:
 - It Was For His Exaltation!
 - But Also It Was:
- For Empowerment!
 - Acts 1:8 Records For Us The Final Words Of Jesus On This Earth:
 - "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. / And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight!"
 - Jesus Returned To Heaven:
 - So That He Could Send The Holy Spirit:
 - To Be The Divine Representative On Earth:
 - Who Would Enable & Empower His People:
 - To Continue His Work & Ministry In This World!
 - So That Even Today:
 - All Who Believe In & Belong To Jesus Christ:
 - By Faith Have Been:
 - "Endued With Power From On High!" (Luke 24:49)
 - Of Course There Is Much More:
 - That Could Be Said About This But:
 - When Jesus Ascended & Returned To Heaven:
 - It Was For His Empowerment:
 - Of His People!
 - But It Was Also:
- For Encouragement!
 - Earlier In Romans 8:34 Paul Asks:
 - "Who [is] he that condemneth? [It is] Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us!"
 - What A Blessing & Encouragement:
 - For Those Who Are United With Christ:
 - To Know That:
 - He "Maketh Intercession For Us!"
 - He Prays For Us! He Pleads For Us! He Ponders Us!
 - Hebrews 7:25 Further Reminds Us That:
 - "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them!"
 - And When Jesus Ascended & Returned To Heaven:
 - Fully "Revived" It Was For:
 - The Encouragement Of His People!
 - Even Today! No Matter What You Are Going Through! No Matter What This World Is Going Through!
 - But Even More It Was:

- For Expectation!
 - In Acts 1:10-11 After Jesus Was Taken Up To Heaven:
 - We Are Told About His Disciples:
 - "And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; / Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven!"
 - The Same Jesus:
 - Who Returned To Heaven:
 - His Rightful Home To Take His:
 - Rightful Throne:
 - Will Return Again:
 - To This Earth Someday!

- And This Is Why Now:
 - Titus 2:13 Should Be True For All Of Us:
 - "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ!"
- Let's Celebrate:
 - Both Returns Of Christ:
 - By Singing Verse 4 Of "Jesus Paid It All!" (#125)
- * So All Of What We've Looked At Was Part Of:
 - The Plan Of Christ's Coming!
 - Romans 14:9 "For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived!"
 - But Then In The Rest Of The Verse We Find:
- 2. The Purpose Of Christ's Coming!
 - "That he might be Lord both of the dead and living!"
 - This Means That:
 - Though Your Salvation:
 - Was Certainly Part Of The Reason:
 - For Christ's Coming:
 - It Was Not The Only Reason, Nor Was It The Primary Reason!

- The Primary Purpose:
 - Of Christ's Coming:
 - Was "That He Might Be Lord Both Of The Dead And The Living!"
 - It Was For:
 - His Own Glory!
- So That Even This Very Day:
 - All People And:
 - All Power:
 - Are In His Hands!
- And Now Right Now:
 - Acts 10:36 "He Is Lord Of All!"
 - Let's Pray!

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