

FCCC Advance Bible Study (Week 5 9-17-2025)

The Lordship of Jesus - Part 2

Being Radically Christian

As we open the dialogue in this discussion we want to look at the implication this concept has for society and individuals. Let me begin by asking the following growth question; is God asking us to be radical in our call to divine fellowship with Him through self denial?

Definition of Radical

According to Webster - radical" means very different from the usual or traditional; favoring extreme changes in existing views, habits, conditions, or institutions; or associated with political views and policies of extreme change.

According to the Bible - "radical" describes a person whose faith and lifestyle are deeply rooted in Christ, marked by a profound commitment to God's teachings that often stands in opposition to cultural norms and selfish desires.

The first things that usually come to mind when we speak of being radical is the extreme aspect associated with this word but I would like you to know that being a Christian is a radical concept. Here are just a few radical concepts in Christianity:

- The world has already ended before it started (Isaiah 46:10)
- You must believe that who you can't see is real and is the supreme being and because He is so holy if you see His face you will die (Exodus 33:20)
- The supreme being decided to leave heaven and be born through a woman without the involvement of man (Luke 1:26-38)
- The same supreme being who has ALL power decides to die at the hands of His creation so He could save them from themselves (Matthew 27:32-56)
- If you die trusting Him you will live again in a new heaven and earth, where you will never die (Revelation 14:13)
- There is nothing you can do or say that will solidify a place for you in the new earth and heaven because it is a gift (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three but they are one (1 John 5:7)

Now that we have a definition and a clearer understanding for radical, what is being radically Christian?

- Here are a few answers I would like to offer:
 - Not only accepting Christ as Savior but also as Lord
 - Being born again
 - Complete submission to Christ
 - No longer accepting the cultural message of secularity

Implications for Society

Unfortunately we live in a society where the leaders and a very large number of people wish to keep religion private. Many schools, corporations, businesses and government agencies do not allow employees to have prayer or discussions about religion. They tell us to keep Jesus out of all of these institutions. One of this country's founding fathers Thomas Jefferson coined the statement of **"Separation of church and state."** He used it as a metaphoric paraphrase of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Biblically this way of thinking is problematic because it denounces the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is problematic because Christ is not merely a human being but the Lord of the universe and He claimed His authority over things in heaven and on earth.

- **Matthew 28:18**

- 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
 - ◆ Absolute power and rule

- **Ephesians 1:22**

- 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
 - ◆ He has complete rule over all things and is the head of the church

So if Jesus is the Lord of all, He is the Lord of all areas of life. Which means He is already there in His divine authority, power and presence. **You cannot put Him out or keep Him out and any attempt to do so is a violation of His Lordship!**

Implications for Individuals

Christ has made a claim on each human life this includes believers and non-believers.

He not only claimed all life but He died so He could claim all life across the complete spectrum of life:

- **Romans 14:7-9**

- 7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.
- 8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.
- 9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

His Lordship of all life is not negotiable. You can't just consider Him when you think you need Him. For He is not your servant but your Lord!

Many have accepted Him as the Savior but we have not submitted to Him as Lord! This is because a radical change is required to follow Him as Lord! This radical change can only be achieved through the indwelling and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit!

- John 3:3-7

- 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
- 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Being born again involves being delivered from the power of evil and experiencing salvation. This includes overcoming self and the world.

- 1 John 5:4-5

- 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.
- 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

- 1 John 5:18

- 18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.