

On To Maturity 04

Allegiance to the Lord Jesus

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1 The Priene Inscription:

“...SINCE PROVIDENCE, WHICH HAS ORDERED THE WHOLE OF OUR LIFE, SHOWING CONCERN AND ZEAL, HAS SET IT IN MOST PERFECT ORDER BY GIVING [HIM] TO US, FILLING [HIM] WITH VIRTUE FOR DOING THE WORK OF A BENEFACTOR AMONG MEN, SENDING [HIM] AS a SAVIOR BOTH FOR US AND FOR THOSE WHO COME AFTER US, THAT HE MIGHT END WAR AND ARRANGE ALL THINGS AND SINCE HE, BY HIS APPEARANCE, EXCELLING EVEN OUR OWN ANTICIPATION OF THE GOOD NEWS SURPASSING ALL PREVIOUS BENEFACTORS AND NOT EVEN LEAVING TO POSTERITY ANY HOPE OF SURPASSING WHAT [HE] HAS DONE, AND SINCE THE BIRTHDAY OF THE GOD, WAS THE BEGINNING FOR THE WORLD AND FOR THE GOOD NEWS TO MEN THAT CAME BY WAY OF HIM...”

2 Jesus is LORD!

Luke 6:46–48

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? 6:47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 6:48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock...”

1 Corinthians 8:4–6

... we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” 8:5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— 8:6 **yet for us there is one God, the Father**, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, **and one Lord, Jesus Christ**, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Key Definition: ALLEGIANCE

Letting our

HOPE be shaped by God’s promises in Christ,

TRUSTing (faith) Christ our Lord (King) to lead us in truth, and following Him in

LOVE can be described as our ALLEGIANCE to Him.

3 The False Messiahs, Prophets, and Teachers

Psalm 118:8–9

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Key Passages:

Matthew 24:9-14

2 Thessalonians 2:1-7

2 Timothy 3:1-7; 4:1-4

2 Peter 2:1-3

4 Some Possible Conclusions:

To confess **Jesus is Lord!** in our cultural moment means:

- to place Christ above political identities,
- to reject the idol of autonomous self-definition,
- to resist making government a savior,
- to anchor truth in Christ rather than cultural consensus,
- to embody the ethics of Jesus’ kingdom,
- to hope in The Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Perhaps the question for Christians today is not simply whether we believe Jesus is Lord, but whether our habits, fears, hopes, loyalties, and loves give evidence that we actually live as though Jesus is Lord indeed.