

Are We Honoring Jesus as Lord – Part 4: Luke 6:46-49 ESV

Do Not Be Deceived: Coming, Hearing, and Doing are Essential!

Services: Sunday, February 21 at 8:00 and 10:45

Church Year: Second Sunday in Lent – 2016

During Lent: Wednesday Services at 11 & 7; Meals at 12 & 6

Introduction: Dear friends: I have **good news**; through Jesus:

- + We are **saved**!
- + Our wrongs are **forgiven**!
- + We have God's gift of **eternal life**!
- + God the Father is our **heavenly Father**!
- + God the Son is our **Savior and Lord**!
- + God the Holy Spirit is **living within us**!

Today we will focus on these **important realities**:

- ✓ We have been **changed**!
- ✓ We have a **new master**!
- ✓ We have been **called to listen to Jesus**!

1. **We Have Been Changed**: The Bible includes many passages which describe God's work of conversion:

- a. ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 5:17** "...if any man is in Christ [thus, trusting in Christ alone as Savior], he is a new creature [What does that mean?]; the old things passed away [like living for self]; behold, new things have come [like living for Christ]."

- b. ^{NAS} **Galatians 2:20** “I have been crucified with Christ [*so my old self is dead*]; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me [*think of Christ-possession (the opposite of demon-possession)*]; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God [*so I believe in Him and live for Him*], who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.” // Paul lived “**by faith**,” so his faith moved him to do things that were pleasing to God (that same phrase appears 18 times in Hebrews chapter 11).
- c. ^{NIV} **Acts 26:17b-18** [Jesus said to Paul:] “I am sending you to them [*to unbelieving Gentiles*] to open their eyes [*their spiritual eyes*] and turn them from darkness to light [*from false to true*], and from the power of Satan to God [*from being controlled by Satan—a horrible thing, to being controlled by God—a wonderful thing*], so that they may receive forgiveness of sins [*God’s most important gift*] and a place among those who are sanctified [*made holy*] by faith in me.” // God has also changed us by grace through faith in Jesus; ✦ we were blind, but now we see; ✦ we were worldly, but now we are godly; ✦ we were spiritually filthy, but now we are clean through Jesus’ blood!

2. **We Have a New Master**: Thinking about that statement, some may say, “I have always been free.” But, in reality, *everyone is controlled by someone*. Think about this passage in Romans 6:16-18: “...you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? **But thanks be to God**, that you who

were once slaves of sin [which leads to death] have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness” (ESV).

- a. In the past – before we knew Jesus: The devil was our father, so we followed his ways.
- b. In the present – now that we know Jesus: He is our Lord, so we follow His ways.

3. **We Have Been Called to Listen**: In Luke 6, Jesus said these words to His disciples:

- a. Calling but not doing: ⁴⁶ **“Why do you call me [or address me] ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”** // Have we done that? “Yes.” Is that good? “No.” For those who *continue to do so*, something **very important is missing!**
- b. Knowing, hearing and doing: ⁴⁷ **“Everyone who comes to me [for salvation – who knows me as Savior] and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.”** // So what kind of person will weather the storm of the final judgment? A person who **knows Jesus as Savior**; then he **hears Him** and **honors Him as Lord by doing what He says!**
- c. Hearing but not doing: ⁴⁹ **“But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who**

built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.” // So what kind of a person will not weather the storm of the final judgment? A person who does **not know Jesus, so, *even though he politely hears*, he does not do it – so he shows himself to be an unbeliever.**

Summary: Each kind of man had a house; both houses *looked* sturdy and were *expected* to stand, but one stood and one fell. **JESUS is the One who makes all the difference**, not what we do; however, *those who know Jesus as Savior will certainly honor Him as Lord!*

Conclusion: How should we honor Jesus? This is a start:

- ➔ “Love your enemies...”
- ➔ “do good to those who hate you...”
- ➔ “bless those who curse you...”
- ➔ “pray for those who abuse you.”
- ➔ “Give to everyone who begs from you...”
- ➔ “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”
- ➔ “...forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:27-37 ESV).

Since we are saved through Jesus, let us honor Him as Lord by doing whatever He says!

Let us pray... (New in Christ – *thank You*; slaves to righteousness – *willingly*; from our faith – obedience)

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