

Sermon Series:
“In the Name of Christmas”
Christ the Lord of All

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Colossians 1



Time in the Word

A Point to Ponder

Jesus is never called our “governor”, “president”, or “senator”— He is called “**the Lord**”. What do you think this means?

Answer

1. He is the Lord who Created and Sustains the World (Colossians 1:15-20)
 - a. As you read these verses, what is Jesus’ relationship to the creation? If “by Him all things were created”, what implications does that have for our relationship with Him?
 - b. “Read Colossians 2:9-10. “and He is the head over all rule and authority”. If that is true, how does it change the way we see Jesus? A baby in a manger is one thing; king of kings is something quite different.
2. He is the Lord of our lives (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - a. We often fixate on the early part of this commission—“go and make disciples”. But the closing words are equally intriguing—“teaching them to do all that I have commanded you”. Why is Jesus allowed to “command” us to do stuff? Doesn’t that encroach on our “free will”?
 - b. What kind of things did Jesus “command” the apostles to do?
3. He is the Lord who comes to Judge the living and the dead (2 Thess. 1:5-10)
 - a. As you read about the return of the Lord, what stands out to you?
 - b. Jesus is often portrayed as a mild mannered, kind of “nice guy”. How does this passage challenge such a notion?



Time for the Heart

The incarnation of Jesus (His coming to earth and taking on humanity) is a great truth. Yet the Christmas danger is that we leave Him in a manger, and don’t fear Him as Lord. In your own life, how do you make sure that the Lordship of Christ never gets compromised by unbiblical ideas? Does it bother you at all that He has such a claim on your life, or do you find it truly freeing?