

# Lordship Salvation

## I. The Contemporary Problem

### A. What Is “Lordship Salvation?”

### B. The Statement of the Problem

### C. The Reasons for the Position

1. An Attempt to Eliminate Shallow Professions of Faith
2. An Attempt to Counter “Easy Believism”
3. A Failure to Understand the Various Meanings of the Word “Lord” in the Greek
4. A Misinterpretation of the Gospels
5. A Failure to Understand the Concept of Discipleship

## II. The Biblical Answers

### A. Shallowness in Profession

1. The Lord Himself Told Us to Expect That when the Word Is Preached (Matt. 13:3-9)
2. There Are Numerous Cases of Unyielded Believers in the New Testament (Rev. 2:13-14; 2:19-20; 1 Cor. 3:15)
3. Some Who Make a Profession Are Not Saved (1 Jn. 2:18-19)

### B. “Lordship” and Salvation

1. “Lord” Can Have One of Several Meanings Depending on the Biblical Context in Which We Find It
2. Christ Did Not Just Claim to Be the Master, But He Was Killed Because He Claimed to Be God (Acts 2:36; John 20:28; Lk. 2:11)
3. It Was Concerning the Deity of Christ That the Jews Needed to Change Their Minds (Rom. 10:9-10)

### C. Discipleship and Salvation

1. A Disciple Is a Learner (Matt. 28:19)
2. It Costs *Nothing* to Be a Believer; It Costs *Everything* to Be a Disciple (Lk. 14:16-33)

3. There Are Scriptural Examples of Uncommitted, Unsurrendered, Though Genuine Believers (2 Pet. 2:7-8; Acts 10:14; 19:8-10, 18-19)

### D. Salvation and “Easy Believism”

1. The Person of Salvation
2. The Content of Salvation
3. The Record of Salvation

## III. The Crucial Issue: Since Faith in Christ Is God's Gift to Us, We Do Not Give Anything to Receive It

- A. Belief in Christ Is the Only Condition of Salvation
- B. Belief in Christ Plus Something Else Constitutes a False Gospel (Gal. 1:8-9)