

#8: THE PROBLEM OF MUDDLING MEANINGFUL MOTIVATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING & PARADOXING POTENTIAL PROBLEMS

I. EXPLAINING THE CONTROVERSY

II. EVALUATING THE CONTROVERSY

A. The PROBLEMS... *"How Does the Teaching of 'Lordship Salvation' Line Up With Scripture?"*

- 1. Lordship Salvation GARBLES THE GOSPEL by mixing your works with Christ's finished work, destroying salvation 'by grace' and taking the spotlight off Jesus Christ and putting it on you.**
- 2. Lordship Salvation REDEFINES THE RIGHT RESPONSE OF THE GOSPEL FROM FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE by requiring for salvation the turning from sin, total surrender to Christ's Lordship /Mastery, and a lifelong commitment to be obedient to Christ.**
- 3. Lordship Salvation CONFUSES CHRISTIAN CARNALITY by denying its ongoing possibility & reality, while then living with blatant contradictions in several examples and passages.**
- 4. Lordship Salvation fails to properly distinguish the biblical truths of JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD vs. SANCTIFICATION & DISCIPLESHIP IN TIME.**
- 5. Lordship Salvation ANNIHILATES THE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE of one's eternal salvation by causing the person to look at their walk & fruit instead of Christ's finished work to possess absolute assurance.**
- 6. Lordship Salvation GUARANTEES THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS instead of merely GUARANTEEING THE PRESERVATION OF THE SAVIOR - ETERNAL SECURITY.**
- 7. Lordship Salvation _____ to serve Jesus Christ out of His love for us & our thankfulness to Him for having saved us, and instead makes our lives a practical experiment to prove our salvation to ourselves.**

- How does this happen under LS teaching?
- What should motivate a believer in Christ to live for and serve Jesus Christ?
 - a) The _____ of God. (2 Cor. 4:15; 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Peter 4:10-11, 2 Peter 3:18)
 - b) The _____ of the Lord and the possibility of _____ when examined at the _____. (2 Cor. 5:9-11)
 - c) The _____ of Jesus Christ as demonstrated by His sacrificial _____ for us. (2 Cor. 5:14-15; 1 John 4:19)
 - d) The _____ of the _____. (2 Cor. 5:16-17, 4:3-7; Rev. 20:11-15; Rom. 9:1-3, 10:1; 2 Timothy 2:8-10)

- e) The privilege and stewardship of being entrusted by God with the ministry and message of _____ as an _____ for Christ. (2 Cor. 5:18-21)
- f) The reality that you have _____ to sin and are _____ to God in Christ and therefore should _____ in newness of life. (Romans 6)
- What would be the normal Arminian answer to the question of Romans 6:1?
 - What would be the normal Calvinistic answer to the question of Romans 6:1?
 - What is God's (through Paul) answer to the question of Romans 6:1?
 - What's missing from these scriptural motivations to live for Jesus Christ?

8: Lordship Salvation _____ instead of facing them for what they really are – blatant contradictions and glaring inconsistencies.

- How do Lordship Salvation adherents excuse their contradictions?
 - a) They call them _____. {"A paradox, correctly defined, is a statement that may seem unbelievable or absurd but may be actually true in fact."}
 - b) They require certain "works" for salvation but state that they are _____.
- What are some obvious examples of this?
- What must we conclude from this?