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## *Jesus is Lord!*

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Years ago we sang a song that said, "I'm God's Kid." Although this song is not sung much today, its words are still very true. We are God's children through our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we can choose Him as our Savior, declare Him as our Lord, and become a part of God's family.

I chose Jesus as my Savior when I was nine years old. At that time, however, I had no concept of total surrender to His Lordship. Many years later because of a message preached at our church, I had that startling revelation. Jesus wanted to be Lord, Master, and Owner of my life.

Instantly, I decided that I couldn't do it. It was simply impossible. I could never fully surrender to His Lordship. So, instead of being half-hearted, I decided to drop out of church. It didn't make sense to me to be partially committed to our great and mighty God. But I was only two days into this decision when I had another overwhelming thought from the Lord. If I was not committed, what would happen to my children? I didn't have to think about that very long before I totally surrendered. In the end, it was the best decision I ever made.

**As God's kids we are completely committed to Him.** He is our top priority and "thus saith the Lord" means more to us than life itself. In fact, "thus saith the Lord" gives us life – abundant life – if we hear and obey His words. According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, this abundant life is life superior in quantity and quality. (G4053) This

means we are blessed beyond measure. We have plenty of God's best.

Yet, it is never our objective to serve God and obey Him simply because there are vast benefits. We give every moment of our time to Him because we believe the glorious gospel of Christ. Our desire is to promote His message in our world. However, it is Bible truth that if we give of our time and our treasure, we will receive from God's abundance.

## *The Silent Killer*

By Suzanne D. Williams

*When He comes, He will show the world it was **wrong about sin**, righteousness, and judgment. (Jn 16:8 CEB)*

In this age of entitlement and universal acceptance, secular society has "dumbed down" the very thing that makes Christian faith, faith. Jesus' death on the cross isn't simply a fiction story we retell to entertain ourselves and the Resurrection a cool semi-paranormal event made for TV. It served an incredible life-changing purpose, but to understand that purpose, we need to set the record straight on sin.

Sin is: *Non-negotiable*. What was sin, is sin, whether you believe it is one or not. The fact you don't worship as I do doesn't exempt you from sinning. (Gal 6:8) *Intolerable*. God doesn't tolerate sin and neither should we. (1Jn 1:5) *Preventable*. You can choose *not* to sin or choose to sin anyway. (Jn 8:34) *Demanding*. One sin demands another sin and that one easier to do. Suddenly what you did once isn't near as bad the second time. *False*. Sin lies to you. You begin to make excuses to make

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(Lk 6:38) The apostle Paul declared, "He who sows generously and that blessings may come to someone, will also reap generously and with blessings." (2Cor 9:6 Amp)

Our commission to tithe carries a similar promise. We tithe to provide for God's house, to carry on His work through the church. When we tithe, the Scripture guarantees that the windows of heaven will pour out a blessing greater than we can receive. In like measure, the apostle Paul writes to the church at Ephesus that God can do beyond what we ask or think. (Mal 3:10; Eph 3:20)

In the end, it doesn't really matter if we receive an overflowing measure, an unlimited blessing, a multiplied harvest, or a gift beyond expectation. What matters is that our heart is right with God. We must be more interested in "being a blessing" than in receiving a blessing.

## JOB

One great example of God's bountiful supply is written in the book of Job. After the devastating loss of his business and his children, God restored Job's goods two-fold. He also gave him ten more children. Although the number of the children was not doubled, the Scripture records that Job's daughters were the fairest in the land. God provided Job with quantity and quality as he recovered.

Before this could happen though, Job heard God's declaration of truth and repented. Job said to God, "I loathe [my words] and abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:6 Amp) When we study the book of Job, we understand the need for this repentance. Job and his three friends often drew conclusions contrary to the truth about God. One writer declared that their understanding was marginal. The book of Hebrews explains this thought when it declares that Old Testament law was a shadow or unclear picture of the revelation now declared through Jesus Christ. (Heb 10:1). Obviously, Job walked in the shadow.

Today, the Holy Spirit dwells in God's children to teach them. The curtain that obscured our vision is opened and by God's Spirit, **we see more clearly than ever the truth about God's great plan of redemption.** With this revelation, we joyfully kneel

at the cross and accept Jesus as our Savior. Without hesitation, we stand at the empty tomb, declaring Him as Lord. But that is not the end. We also sit in the upper room until we are filled with His power. This is the glorious gospel of Christ.

This Easter let's celebrate Him. Let's lift our hands to heaven and recommit our lives to His Lordship. With our hearts bowed before Him, let's drink in His presence. Fully refreshed, we can then declare His word. We can speak of Him at the beauty shop, the grocery store, and the gas station. This is our world. As we are going into our world, let's boldly declare, "He is Lord."

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yourself feel not so bad about it. "Maybe the Bible is wrong..." No. It isn't. (1Ti 4:2; Heb 13:8; Mal 3:6)

*Equal.* There aren't any big sins or small sins. Sin is sin. All of it requires repentance. (Mt 9:13) *Decaying.* You're the apple which looks perfect on the outside but inside is rotten at the core. (Ps 51:10) *Condemning.* You will feel guilty for it, regardless of how often you've told yourself it was okay. (Jn 3:19; Rm 8:1) *Limiting.* Freedom is found in doing what's right. Sin requires secrets that leak into other parts of your life. (Ps 90:8)

Sin isn't politically correct and won't ever be. If it embarrasses you, it should. If it doesn't, it should even more. People in the church sin. People out of church sin. Governments can't legalize it. Religion can't excuse it. You can't ever be outside of it and unaffected by it. Its origin is death and with it comes disease and disaster and heartbreak. **Sin is the silent killer.** You can't live with it, but you can definitely die because of it. (Rm 5:21; 6:6,12-13,23)

But here is the good news: **God didn't authorize it, but He will forgive it.** Even better, He'll cast it so far away you can't find it anymore. He forgives and forgets completely. THAT was the purpose of the cross. And greater – that we can live free of sin, with victorious, successful lives. That when we mess up, God's love is greater than our mistake, His hand outstretched in comfort and guidance. (Rm 5:12; 6:22; Ps 103:12)

God is greater than sin, and life meant to be lived in joy and peace within the rules He gave to guide us. Rules for our benefit. (Jn 15:24; Rm 3:22-24 CEB)