

One Lord

Ephesians 4:5
1 Timothy 6:13-16

Introduction: It is essential that we recognize the New testament teaching of one Lord. This is a word used many times in the Bible. The Old Testament refers to the LORD. This is the Hebrew word YHWH (Jehovah). The Septuagint uses the Greek word Kurios. So, there is a connection between these words. Both mean Lord.

I. Definition Of Kurios.

- A.** Used in many ways.
 - 1.** An owner (***Lk. 19:33***).
 - 2.** A King (***Acts 25:26***).
 - 3.** Title of respect (***1 Peter 3:6***).
- B.** New Testament word is used as “properly an adjective, signifying having power or authority” (Vine).

II. One Lord.

- A.** Paul says there have been many lords (***1 Cor. 8:5***).
- B.** However, there is really only one Lord (***1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:5***).
- C.** All others are either frauds or pale in comparison. He is “***Lord of Lords***” (***Rev. 19:16***).

III. Jesus Is That One Lord.

- A.** This was used during His personal ministry.
 - 1.** “***Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven***” (***Matt. 7:21***).
 - 2.** “***You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet***” (***Jn. 13:13-14***).
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- B.** Thomas said to Him, “***My Lord and my God***” (***Jn. 20:28***).
- C.** Peter preached Jesus as Lord.
 - 1.** “***Both Lord and Christ***” (***Acts 2:36***).
 - 2.** “***Lord of all***” (***Acts 10:36***).
- D.** Called Lord because He has all authority.
 - 1.** Given to Him by God (***Matt. 28:18***).
 - 2.** Must do all in His name (***Col. 3:17***).

IV. Must Recognize And Submit To His Lordship.

- A.** Ultimately all will do so (**Rom. 14:10-12; Phil. 2:10-11**).
- B.** Now it is voluntary and often ignored.
 - 1.** Failure to obey the gospel.
 - 2.** Failure to remain faithful.
 - 3.** Turn to other “lords.”
- C.** Problems in many churches is due to a failure to recognize Jesus as Lord (**Lk. 6:46**).
 - 1.** Church as authority.
 - 2.** Preacher as authority.
 - 3.** Elders as authority.
 - 4.** It must be Christ as authority else unity will never exist.

Conclusion: “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” (Jn. 8:24).