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Understanding and Living Under the Lordship of God

All In With Christ Bible Study

CENTRAL THEME OF BEING ALL IN WITH CHRIST

“The Lord our God is one Lord.”

Mark 12:29 KJV

Bible Study Aim

The central theme of being all in with Christ is Jesus’ declaration, “The Lord our God is one Lord.” This lesson will help us understand why Jesus declared that the Lord is one, what the title Lord means, and how that truth should govern every part of our lives. The goal is not only to confess that God is Lord with our mouths, but to live under His authority through daily obedience.

Introduction

Before we can be all in with God, we must recognize Him as the one Lord—not one option among many and not merely someone we consult during emergencies, but the supreme authority over every area of our lives. God is not asking to be added to an already crowded list of priorities. He claims the first place, the final word, and the whole person.

To call God Lord means acknowledging His ownership, authority, and right to rule. It is a declaration that says, “My life belongs to You, and You have the final say.” Lordship reaches beyond church attendance into our choices, relationships, habits, money, emotions, private conduct, goals, and use of time.

The Main Truth

Because the Lord our God is one Lord, being all in means He must be Lord over the whole person and every part of life.

We often want God to be our Savior without allowing Him to be our Lord. We want Him to rescue, heal, provide, protect, and open doors, yet we resist when He corrects our attitudes, confronts our habits, or redirects our plans. An all-in believer cannot give God authority on Sunday and reclaim control on Monday.

Key Question for the Lesson

If Jesus is truly Lord of my life, what evidence of His authority should be visible in the way I live?

Background of the Text

Mark 12 records Jesus teaching in Jerusalem during the final week before His crucifixion. Religious leaders repeatedly questioned Him. Some questions were designed to trap Him, embarrass Him, or create grounds for accusation. In Mark 12:28, however, a scribe heard Jesus answer wisely and asked which commandment was the most important.

Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy 6:4–5, the confession Israel knew as the Shema. The Hebrew word shema means “hear” or “listen,” but biblical hearing includes responding. Jesus began with who God is before explaining what God requires: because the Lord alone is God, He deserves the undivided love of the whole person—heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Mark 12:28–30 KJV: “And one of the scribes came... and asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.”

Deuteronomy 6:4–5 KJV: “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”

Why Jesus Gave This Answer

- He brought the discussion back to the foundation. Religious debates mean little if we do not know, love, and obey the Lord.
- He reminded the scribe that obedience grows out of relationship. The command says “our God,” identifying the Lord as the covenant God who had loved, rescued, and claimed His people.
- He exposed divided devotion. Israel confessed one Lord, so Israel could not faithfully divide its worship among competing gods.
- He connected belief with behavior. The oneness of God demands the wholeness of our response: all the heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Modern Day Life Application

We also live in a world of competing voices. Social media tells us what to desire, culture tells us what to accept, fear tells us what we cannot do, and pride tells us we should answer to nobody. Jesus calls us back to the center: hear God first, recognize Him as Lord, and let His Word govern our response.

Which voices most often compete with God’s Word for authority in your life?

Do you approach Scripture mainly to gain information, or are you willing to let it correct your direction? Explain.

Supporting Scriptures

- John 10:27 — Christ’s sheep hear His voice and follow Him.
- James 1:22 — We must be doers of the Word and not hearers only.
- Psalm 119:105 — God’s Word provides light for our path.

Understanding the Words

The Lord

In Deuteronomy 6:4, LORD represents Yahweh, God's covenant name. It points to the eternal, self-existent, faithful God—the One who depends on no one, while everyone depends on Him. When Mark records Jesus' quotation in Greek, the word translated Lord is *kyrios*, a title expressing authority, mastery, and rightful rule. Calling God Lord therefore means more than speaking respectfully about Him. It means submitting to His right to command.

A person may use the vocabulary of lordship without accepting its reality. Jesus challenged that contradiction when He asked, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" The clearest proof that we recognize His lordship is not the volume of our confession but the obedience of our lives.

Luke 6:46 KJV: *"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"*

Our God

The phrase "our God" is relational. The Lord is not a distant idea or an impersonal force. He is the God who entered covenant with His people, delivered them, provided for them, disciplined them, and remained faithful to them. Our obedience is not an attempt to purchase His love; it is our grateful response to the God who has already shown His love and faithfulness.

Exodus 20:2–3 KJV: *"I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt... Thou shalt have no other gods before me."*

Is One Lord

The declaration that the Lord is one affirms that He alone is God and that He is not divided. Israel was surrounded by nations that worshiped many gods for different areas of life. The Lord declared that He alone deserved Israel's worship, trust, and allegiance. There was not one god for the harvest, another for war, and another for the home. Yahweh was Lord over everything.

For us, "one Lord" means we cannot divide ultimate loyalty between God and whatever else promises security, identity, pleasure, approval, or power. We may not bow before carved idols, but we can still build our lives around money, status, relationships, politics, comfort, success, or self. Anything we obey above God, fear more than God, or trust instead of God can begin functioning like a rival lord.

1 Corinthians 8:6 KJV: *"But to us there is but one God, the Father... and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."*

Think Deeply

What is the difference between saying "Jesus is Lord" and actually living under His lordship?

What modern "idols" can quietly demand the loyalty that belongs to God alone?

Making the Lord One Lord in Daily Life

To make the Lord “one Lord” does not mean that we create His authority; He is already Lord. It means that we recognize His authority, reject competing masters, and bring every area of life under His rule. Lordship is where confession becomes conduct.

One Lord Over My Decisions

An all-in believer does not merely ask, “What do I want?” or “What is everybody else doing?” We ask, “What honors Christ?” Before entering a relationship, accepting an opportunity, making a major purchase, or responding to conflict, we seek God through prayer, Scripture, and godly counsel.

Proverbs 3:5–6 KJV: *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”*

One Lord Over My Priorities

If God is only one priority among many, He can be moved whenever life becomes busy. But when He is Lord, every other priority is arranged under Him. Work, family, ministry, rest, and relationships are important, but none should replace our devotion to God or require us to disobey Him.

Matthew 6:33 KJV: *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

One Lord Over My Private Life

Lordship includes what nobody else sees: our thoughts, searches, conversations, spending, entertainment, and secret habits. Integrity means that the person we present publicly agrees with the person we are privately. God does not only want the rooms of our lives that visitors can see; He wants every room.

Psalms 139:23–24 KJV: *“Search me, O God, and know my heart... and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”*

One Lord Over My Relationships

We show that Jesus is Lord by the way we treat people. He must govern how we speak when angry, whether we forgive, what boundaries we establish, and whether our relationships pull us toward obedience or away from it. No relationship should have more influence over us than Christ.

Colossians 3:13 KJV: *“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another... even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”*

One Lord Over My Resources and Ambitions

Our money, gifts, time, influence, and plans are entrusted to us by God. Lordship changes the question from “How much can I keep for myself?” to “How can what I have honor God?” Success is not wrong, but it becomes dangerous when achievement replaces obedience or when ambition becomes the source of our identity.

Colossians 3:17 KJV: *“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.”*

What Competes for the Throne

God will not share the throne of our hearts. The issue is not whether we have responsibilities, desires, or relationships; the issue is whether any of them have gained the authority to overrule God. Use the following areas for honest self-examination.

Competing Lord	How It Can Rule Us	A Lordship Response
Approval	We compromise convictions to keep people pleased.	Obey God even when obedience is unpopular. Galatians 1:10
Money	Security and self-worth become tied to possessions.	Practice trust, generosity, and faithful stewardship. Matthew 6:24
Culture	Trends and popular opinions define truth for us.	Test every message by Scripture. Romans 12:2
Comfort	We avoid sacrifice, service, or necessary change.	Take up the cross and follow Christ daily. Luke 9:23
Pride	We resist correction and insist on controlling outcomes.	Humble ourselves and submit our plans to God. James 4:6–7
Fear	Anxiety becomes the loudest voice in our decisions.	Trust God's presence and obey despite uncertainty. Isaiah 41:10
Relationships	A person's desires carry more weight than God's Word.	Love people without giving them God's place. Matthew 10:37

Challenging Questions

1. What receives the first and best of your time, attention, energy, and resources? What does that reveal about your priorities?
2. Where are you most tempted to ask God to bless your plans instead of submitting your plans to Him?
3. What command of Christ do you understand but repeatedly delay obeying? What is behind that delay?
4. Has any relationship, ambition, fear, or habit gained the power to overrule your convictions?
5. If someone observed your schedule, spending, conversations, and private choices for one week, what would they conclude is lord of your life?

Group Discussion

Why is it easier to trust Jesus as Savior in a crisis than to obey Him as Lord in everyday decisions?

How can the church help one another practice lordship without becoming judgmental or controlling?

A Practical Path to Whole Life Surrender

Whole-life surrender is not vague. It becomes visible through specific, repeated choices. The following practices help us respond to the truth that there is one Lord.

Listen. Create regular quiet space for prayer and Scripture. Ask what God has said before reacting to what people are saying. John 10:27

Examine. Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal divided loyalties, hidden habits, and areas of resistance. Psalm 139:23–24

Submit. Place your plans before God and give Him permission to redirect them. Proverbs 16:3

Obey. Act on what God has made clear. Delayed obedience often becomes disguised disobedience. John 14:15

Remove. Set boundaries around influences, habits, or relationships that repeatedly pull you away from Christ. Hebrews 12:1

Repeat. Surrender is both a decisive commitment and a daily practice. Present yourself to God again and again. Romans 12:1–2

Personal Lordship Inventory

Prayerfully rate each area: 1 means strongly resistant; 5 means consistently surrendered.

Time and schedule: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

Relationships: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

Money and possessions: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

Thought life: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

Speech and social media: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

Work and ambitions: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

Private habits: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

Forgiveness and conflict: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

Future plans: 1 2 3 4 5 What needs to change? _____

My One Step of Obedience

Choose one area in which God is calling you to move from acknowledgement to obedience. Make the step specific enough to begin this week.

The area I need to surrender is: _____

The action I will take is: _____

I will begin by: _____ Date: _____

A trusted person who can pray with me is: _____

Memory Verse

Luke 6:46 KJV: “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

Closing Summary

“The Lord our God is one Lord” is the central theme of being all in with Christ. It is both a confession of truth and a call to undivided allegiance. God alone is worthy of worship, trust, and obedience. Because He is one Lord, He

deserves the whole person. We cannot allow Him to rule our worship while money rules our decisions, people rule our emotions, culture rules our convictions, fear rules our future, or pride rules our relationships.

Lordship is proven through obedience. Being all in means surrendering every room of our lives and declaring, “Lord, You are not merely present in my life—You are in charge of my life.” This does not mean we will never struggle; it means that when struggle comes, we keep bringing ourselves back under His authority.

Final Reflection Questions

6. What did this lesson teach you about the meaning of the word Lord?
7. Which competing voice or loyalty has been most difficult for you to place under God’s authority?
8. What would change this week if Jesus truly had the final word in every decision?
9. How does remembering God’s faithfulness make surrender easier?
10. What is one truth from this lesson that you will carry into your prayer life?

Prayer of Surrender

Lord, You alone are God, and You have the right to rule every part of my life. Forgive me for the places where I have called You Lord but continued to follow my own way. Reveal every competing loyalty and give me courage to surrender it. Govern my heart, mind, relationships, habits, resources, decisions, and future. Help me not only to hear Your Word but to obey it. You are not one option among many; You are my one Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

This Week’s All In Challenge

- Read Mark 12:28–34 and Deuteronomy 6:4–9 each day.
- Begin every morning by praying, “Lord, You have the final word in my life today.”
- Before one important decision, pause and ask: “What choice best reflects the lordship of Christ?”
- Complete the Personal Lordship Inventory and act on your one step of obedience.
- Share one insight from this lesson with someone who can encourage your spiritual growth.

Scriptures for Further Study

Deuteronomy 6:4–9 • Joshua 24:14–15 • Matthew 6:24, 33 • Luke 6:46 • Luke 9:23 • John 10:27 • Romans 12:1–2 • 1 Corinthians 8:6 • Colossians 3:17 • James 1:22

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