

WHEN JESUS CHRIST IS LORD OF ALL

I PETER 3:15a

BACKGROUND: Lord (Kurios in Greek) means not only is Christ our Savior; but also it is He who is our Master, Creator, Protector, and the One who holds our future in His hands. Therefore, we must say that Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

NOW AND FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN YOUR HEART, it is one of the most powerful energizers of your faith. This is why you understand that you were created at a certain time and a certain place to know Jesus and to help others know Him. (**I Peter 3:13-15, fn 3:15[1st], Jeremiah 1:4-8, fn 1:5[1st], I John 4:4, fn 4:4, I Peter 2:19-23, fn 2:21-22, Romans 8:28, fn 8:28**) *How could understanding and trusting Jesus as Lord help you endure difficult circumstances?*

FUTURE EVENTS ARE ALL IN GOD'S HANDS. “The gospel is identified as the hope that is in believers. Hope is synonymous with the Christian faith because the motive for believers’ embracing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is their anticipation of escaping hell and entering eternal glory.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: I Peter, p. 201. (**I Peter 3:15, fn 3:15[2nd], I Peter 1:3-5, fn 1:3-5, John 10:25-30, fn 10:28-29, Romans 5:1-5, fn 5:2-5**) *How could you be strong in hope?*

PAST HURTS OF SIN ARE OVERCOME BY JESUS, demonstrating His immense love for you by dying on the cross for you. Jesus does not build on your old life of sin and hurts. Instead, He gives grace to build on your new life (Christ in you). Therefore, there is no place for victimhood when Jesus is Lord of your life. (**I Peter 3:15, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17, Romans 6:6-11, fn 6:6-7, fn 6:11, Colossians 3:12-17, fn 3:13, Ephesians 4:32, fn 4:32, Mark 11:25, fn 11:25**) *Why or why not is portraying yourself as a victim justifiable?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?

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