## **Lordship Sanctification**

## I. Introduction.

- A. After reading about <u>Lordship Salvation</u>, are you convinced that a person is only required to receive Jesus by faith; and not do, promise, or commit to serve Christ in order to be eternally saved?
- B. What convinces you most that you are "saved by grace through faith" alone, and not plus anything else?
- C. Are you convinced a true believer should make Christ "Lord of their life?" Why?
- D. Have you trusted Christ as your eternal Savior?
- E. Have you dedicated your life in service to God?

## II. Scripture.

- A. The Parable of the Sower (*Mat. 13:1-9, 18-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15*).
  - 1. Mat. 13:8, 23—"8-But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 23-But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the Word, and understandeth It; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."
  - 2. Mark 4:8, 20—"8-And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred. 20-And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the Word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."
  - 3. Luke 8:8, 15—"8-And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bear fruit a hundredfold. And when He had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 15-But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep It, and bring forth fruit with patience."
- B. Don't just be "in Christ" (saved), but "abide in" Christ (sanctified).
  - 1. John 15:4-5, 8—"4-Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. 5-I am the vine, ye are

- the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing. 8-Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples."
- 2. Rom. 8:1-2—"1-There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2-For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

## III. Application.

- A. Are you convinced a true believer will commit to the "Lordship of Christ" (all at once or gradually over time)?
- B. Can a true Christian remain a "baby" Christian much longer than they should (cf. 1Co. 3:1; Heb. 5:11-14), why?
- C. Is Christ 100% "Lord of your life?" If not, why?
- D. How do you know what percentage of your life is committed to Christ?
- E. Think about the percentage of your life you may be holding back. Bow your head and silently confess any known sin and talk to God about His desires, your desires, and commitment. Make a new commitment.

**Additional Study**: For other lessons associated with Lordship Sanctification, see Bible studies on <u>Dedicating Your Life</u>, also <u>Service</u>, and <u>Spiritual Life</u>. These emphasize the importance of choosing to yield to "**be filled**" (**Eph. 5:18**), so you can "**walk**" (**Rom. 8:1**, **4; Gal. 5:16**, **25**), and not "**grieve**" (**Eph. 4:30**) the Holy Spirit's sanctifying work in the life of every believer.