

I Corinthians 12: 1-13 Spiritual Gifts For Serving Only One Lord 5/11/2025

Text: Focus on 12:1-3. (Will read through v.13)

Note how many times it is said in this passage in order, " but THE same Spirit, and THE same Lord, but THE same God, Of THE Spirit, through THE Spirit, to THE same Spirit, by THE same Spirit, by THE one Spirit, and THE same Spirit, are one body, by one Spirit, into one body, drink of one Spirit."

While we are here note 12:13. The context is clear. A solid doctrinal verse that is for all time. To be born-again, to be a Christian, you must be baptized in the Holy Spirit are you are NOT a believer. It is NOT a second act of grace for the really dedicated that makes you a super Christian as some falsely teach.

Ex. San Francisco - Hare Krishna- "Jesus is Lord , and Krishna is Lord?" "Nope, only one Lord, Jesus because He is God!"

In Corinth, they worshiped a multitude of gods, goddesses, idols. All controlled different aspects of life, but nobody knew exactly how, or why.

As the Corinthians saw manifestations of The Spirit of God working among them they may have thought that a different god was working all of the things they were seeing.

Question: Paul, how do we know this is all from one God? The acid test is this. Jesus is LORD, period, end of sentence! Not Aphrodite, Artemis, Dionysus, Fortune, Zeus, Bunaea(Hera) , Chronos, Poseidon, the Sun, the Sea, the Calm, the Tree.

Remember that Christianity was a small island in the sea of useless paganism at this time.

Chapter 11 was about a woman's head covering, and the Lord's Supper, and chapter 12-14 about Spiritual Gifts. All dealing with church worship and order.

Text Focus: 12:1-3

To proclaim Jesus as the only and highest Lord would cost you something it that day!

Of course you could just say it. But to mean it and back it up with a lifestyle was a different thing!

It is saying and living it that proved that you believed it! No compartmentalizing!

Ex. Mt. 7: 21-23

Question: Blasphemed? Pharisees- Matthew 12:22-32 / Paul - I Timothy 1:12-16

To say JESUS IS LORD is to believe He is God. That He has come in the flesh, that He is the only Savior, That He is the only Savior from sin.

Ex. John 14: 6 Acts 4:12

Ex. Romans 10: 9 He is Lord

He is the only Savior because He is God. Titus 1:3-4, 2:13, 3:4-6, Isaiah 43:10-13, 44:6, 45:21-23 . God the Savior, Christ Jesus our Savior.

Philippians 2: 5-11 What does LORD mean?

The earliest and most fundamental Christian creed is "JESUS IS LORD!"

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What does it mean that Jesus is Lord?

Generally speaking, a lord is someone with authority, control, or power over others; to say that someone is "lord" is to consider that person a master or ruler of some kind. In Jesus' day the word *lord* was often used as a title of respect toward earthly authorities; when the leper called Jesus "Lord" in [Matthew 8:2](#), he was showing Jesus respect as a healer and teacher (see also [Matthew 8:25](#) and [15:25](#)).

However, after the [resurrection](#), the title "Lord," as applied to Jesus, became much more than a title of honor or respect. Saying, "Jesus is Lord," became a way of declaring Jesus' deity. It began with Thomas' exclamation when Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection: "Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'" ([John 20:28](#)). From then on, the apostles' message was that Jesus is Lord, meaning "Jesus is God." Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost contained that theme: "Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah" ([Acts 2:36](#)). Later, in Cornelius's house, Peter declared that Jesus is "Lord of all" ([Acts 10:36](#)). Note how in [Romans 10:9](#) Jesus' lordship is linked to His resurrection: "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

The statement "Jesus is Lord" means that Jesus is God. Jesus has "all authority in heaven and on earth" ([Matthew 28:18](#)). He is Lord of the Sabbath ([Luke 6:5](#)). He is "our only Sovereign and Lord" ([Jude 1:4](#)). He is, in fact, the [Lord of lords](#) ([Revelation 17:14](#)).

Jesus referred to Himself as "Lord" many times (e.g., [Luke 19:31](#); [John 13:13](#)). And when we compare the Old Testament with the New, we find several times when the "LORD" (*Yahweh*) of the Hebrew Bible is equated with the "Lord Jesus" by the apostles. For example, [Psalm 34:8](#) says, "Taste and see that the LORD is good," and that passage is

alluded to in [1 Peter 2:3](#), except there Jesus is the "Lord" who is good. [Isaiah 8:13](#) says that "the LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy"; in [1 Peter 3:15](#) we are commanded, "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy" (ESV).

Amazingly, the Lord Jesus left His exalted position in heaven and came to earth to save us. In His [Incarnation](#), He showed us what true meekness looks like (see [Matthew 11:29](#)). Just before His arrest, Jesus used His power and authority to teach us humility: "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet" ([John 13:14](#)). The last will be first, according to our Lord ([Matthew 19:30](#)).

In saying, "Jesus is Lord," we commit ourselves to obey Him. Jesus asked, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" ([Luke 6:46](#)). An acknowledgement of Jesus' lordship is logically accompanied by a submission to Jesus' authority. If Jesus is Lord, then He owns us; He has the right to tell us what to do.

A person who says, "Jesus is Lord," with a full understanding of what that means (Jesus is God and has supreme authority over all things) has been divinely enlightened: "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" ([1 Corinthians 12:3](#)). Faith in the Lord Jesus is required for salvation ([Acts 16:31](#)).

Jesus is Lord. It's the truth, whether or not people acknowledge the fact. He is more than the Messiah, more than the Savior; He is the Lord of all. Someday, all will submit to that truth: "God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" ([Philippians 2:9-11](#)).