

#9: THE PROBLEM OF ERRONEOUS EXEGESIS OF NUMEROUS PROOF TEXTS**I. EXPLAINING THE CONTROVERSY****II. EVALUATING THE CONTROVERSY****A. The PROBLEMS... *"How Does the Teaching of 'Lordship Salvation' Line Up With Scripture?"***

1. Lordship Salvation **GARBLES THE GOSPEL** by mixing your works with Christ's finished work, destroying salvation 'by grace' and taking the spotlight off Jesus Christ and putting it on you.
2. Lordship Salvation **REDEFINES THE RIGHT RESPONSE OF THE GOSPEL FROM FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE** by requiring for salvation the turning from sin, total surrender to Christ's Lordship /Mastery, and a lifelong commitment to be obedient to Christ.
3. Lordship Salvation **CONFUSES CHRISTIAN CARNALITY** by denying its ongoing possibility & reality, while then living with blatant contradictions in several examples and passages.
4. Lordship Salvation fails to properly distinguish the biblical truths of **JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD** vs. **SANCTIFICATION & DISCIPLESHIP IN TIME**.
5. Lordship Salvation **ANNIHILATES THE ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE** of one's eternal salvation by causing the person to look at their walk & fruit instead of Christ's finished work to possess absolute assurance.
6. Lordship Salvation **GUARANTEES THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS** instead of merely **GUARANTEEING THE PRESERVATION OF THE SAVIOR - ETERNAL SECURITY**.
7. Lordship Salvation **MUDDLING MEANINGFUL MOTIVATIONS** to serve Jesus Christ out of His love for us & our thankfulness to Him for having saved us, and instead makes our lives a practical experiment to prove our salvation to ourselves.
8. Lordship Salvation **PARADOXES POTENTIAL PROBLEMS** instead of facing them for what they really are – blatant contradictions and glaring inconsistencies.
9. Lordship Salvation does _____ by misinterpreting many scriptural passages out of context to fit their theological system while neglecting the very clear explanations of salvation.
 - What are some examples of this that we have already studied in this series?
 - John 2:23-25
 - John 8:30-45
 - John 12:42-43
 - John 15:6
 - The 4 soils (Mark 4)
 - 2 Corinthians 13:5
 - The book of 1 John
 - Matthew 24:13
 - 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:4

- Importing into the word “believe” such concepts as “repentance from sin, obedience to Christ’s Lordship, personal commitment involving total surrender & sacrifice instead of simple “trust” with the value of your faith being in your object of faith
 - A misunderstanding of the “Lordship” of Jesus Christ
 - A misunderstanding of “repentance (Luke 13:1-5)
 - Failing to correctly distinguish the 3 tenses / stages / phases of salvation
 - Teaching that “faith” is the gift of God
 - James 4:6-10
 - James 2:14-26
 - Luke 9:23, 14:27
 - 1 John 5:16-17
- What are the 4 “C”s of Bible interpretation?
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 - **How should we interpret:**
 - a) **The “inheriting the kingdom” passages in ...**

1) 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Context:

Content: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Compare:

Conclude:

2) Ephesians 5:5-7

Context:

Content: For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

Compare:

Conclude:

3) Galatians 5:16-26

Context:

Content: I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Compare:

Conclude:

b) Hebrews 12:14 - Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Context:

Content:

Compare:

Conclude:

c) Matthew 7:16 - "You will know them by their fruits."

Context:

Content:

Compare:

Conclude:

d) Mark 10:17-30 - The rich young ruler

Context:

Content: Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" 18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

19 "You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery,` `Do not murder,` `Do not steal,` `Do not bear false witness,` `Do not defraud,` `Honor your father and your mother.'" 20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." 22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." 26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" 27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

28 Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You." 29 So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, 30 "who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time-- houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions-- and in the age to come, eternal life.

Compare:

Conclude: