

**#12: THE PROBLEMS OF LS ARE ROOTED IN CONSISTENT CALVINISM Pt. 2****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 ERRONEOUS EXEGESIS OF NUMEROUS PROOF TEXTS** by misinterpreting many scriptural passages out of context to fit their theological system while neglecting the very clear explanations of salvation.
- 10. Lordship Salvation SUFFOCATES SPIRITUALITY** by Grace by approaching salvation, assurance, and the Christian life with a legalistic approach instead of by God's grace.
- 11. Lordship Salvation normally is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_** instead of striking a true biblical balance regarding the sovereignty of God & human responsibility.

## **The PRACTICAL ISSUES Regarding Lordship Salvation.**

### **1. Is the teaching of LS an important issue to address? (1 Thess. 5:19-22; Galatians 1:6-9; Acts 17:10-12; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2)**

**1 Thessalonians 5:19-22** Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

**Galatians 1:6-9** I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

**Acts 17:10-12** Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

**1 Corinthians 4:1-2** Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

### **2. How should you respond scripturally to teachers of LS? (2 Tim. 2:15-21; Rom. 16:17-18)**

**Romans 16:17-18** Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

**1 Timothy 6:20-21** O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge-- 21 by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

**2 Timothy 2:15-21** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity." 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. 21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

### **3. How should you deal with individuals confused by Lordship Salvation? (2 Tim. 2:22-26)**

**2 Timothy 2:22** Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. 24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

**4. Are those who embrace LS truly saved? (Gal. 3:1; Matt. 7:21-23)**

**Galatians 3:1** O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

**Matthew 7:21-23** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

**5. What must I do to be saved? (Acts 16:30-31)** And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved ..."