

**September 2, 2007**

**Sermon: "Jesus is Lord or Nothing"**

**Scripture: Matthew 7:15-27**

<sup>15</sup>"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup>By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

<sup>21</sup>"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

<sup>24</sup>"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

**Introduction**

- Chuck Colson once said, "The greatest challenge facing the church today is to reassert the Lordship of Christ."
- Jesus addresses the Lordship issue in the Sermon on the Mount.
- Let's discover what "Lordship of Christ" is by examining what it is no, what it is, and then the results of Lordship.

**I. First of all, what Lordship of Christ is not. (V.21)**

- Lordship is not lip service.
- Lordship is not knowing the right words or doctrines.
- Lordship is not based upon works.
- Lordship is not our leftovers.

**II. What Lordship of Christ is.**

- Lordship is life service.
- Lordship is doing the will of God.
- Lordship is obedience to Christ.
- Lordship is letting Jesus be number 1.

**III. What is the result of the Lordship of Christ in our lives?**

- What does Lordship look like?

- Two things happen when we live our lives under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
  1. We bear the fruit of the kingdom (V.15-20)
  2. We build our lives on a sure foundation that will stand the test of time. (V.24-27)

### **Conclusion**

- Lordship of Christ is not lip service.
- Lordship of Christ is letting Jesus be number 1.
- The dividends of letting Christ be Lord of our lives is out of this world.