

The Lakeview Lamp

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” - Psalm 119:105

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Lord and Savior

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“Jesus is Lord and Savior.” It’s a favorite phrase of certain religious groups where I live and work. But few really understand what the phrase means. It is Peter in his second letter who uses the whole phrase – and only Peter.

“For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (1:11 ESV).

“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first” (2:20).

“That you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles” (3:2).

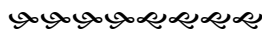
“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen” (3:18).

In every case, “Lord” precedes “Savior;” not because it sounds better, but because, in order for Jesus to be Savior, he must first be Lord. In other words, we must obey Jesus as Lord in order to count him as our Savior. Obedience is necessary for salvation.

That is why Jesus himself says that His father’s *“commandment is eternal life” (John 12:50)*. And that is why **Hebrews 5:9** says that Jesus *“became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”* Little good it does to call Him Lord and not do the will of His heavenly Father which He taught (**Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46**). No way to heaven there.

As much as it might make us squirm, the phrase is good and right and full of grace.

Jesus is Lord and Savior – in that order.



“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” (Matthew 7:21).

Back to the Bible

Philip Mullins

While eating breakfast and clicking through the various morning news shows, I discovered an insightful coincidence.

One story was dealing with the federal government training loan officers at banks about the problem of racial prejudice. The bankers were shown a video about handling minority loan applicants. A statement was made like this: “The best guideline for dealing with your applicants is to treat them the way you would want to be treated.” There it was, the golden rule from the lips of Christ being used by the government to train bankers.

A few bites and a few clicks later, and there it was again. This time it was a family counselor talking. She said, “The husband and wife relationship must come before the relationship with the children. The husband and wife relationship is the strength of the family, it must be strong to hold the family together.” There it was! The same order of relationships that God laid down in the beginning, being used by a modern therapist. **Genesis 2** plainly teaches that it was God’s will that the marriage be formed and solidified first and then the children follow.

It is interesting that in an advanced and sophisticated society like ours that somehow we end up coming back to the wise and truthful counsel of an ancient book. It seems as though when we are seeking a workable solution, fair guidelines, or insightful advice that we end up coming back to the Bible.

Psalms 19:7-8 extols the greatness of God’s written revelation by saying, “*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*”

Don’t tinker with the wisdom of men, it is a vain and dangerous venture. Turn and depend completely on the counsel of God’s word. It is the world’s best counsel, and we will all be judged by it in the end.

If you have never embraced it, then discover it. If you have left it, then come back to it. Don’t waste your time looking elsewhere; God’s word is all the guidance you need.

“Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.” – Psalm 89:52

Family News

Patsy Bronson, Jim Stubblefield's mother, has ongoing heart problems. Recently, she has also been in and out of hospitals because of respiratory problems. Overall, she is not very healthy but is now home.

Elmo Ferrell continues to have much back pain.

Sandra Hunt continues to have great pain in her right shoulder and arm. She received a shot this past week but is appears to be harmful. Surgery may be the only potentially effective thing left to try.

Timothy Hunt had a CAT scan on Friday. They should get results on Tuesday. This is to help evaluate taking his brain shunt out.

John Jenkins, Robert's father, has lung cancer. He continues to receive chemotherapy. He remains weak and is not eating very well.

Pat Jordan, Brian Neighbour's aunt, has advanced cancer.

Jennifer Lindzy, Fran Pickens' 33-year-old granddaughter, has cancer. She went back into the hospital this past week and has started a second round of chemotherapy.

Allen Malone continues to work in Vietnam. There is a new report in the back.

Cotton and **Nancy Read** are both not feeling very well. Nancy has a doctor's appointment this Tuesday. Cotton is scheduled to for eye surgery on June 6th.

Georgia Taylor continues to not do very well.

Robert Wray has cataracts. His sight will not improve without surgery.

Out of town, traveling, or visiting: **Robert** and **Candy Jenkins**; **Lannings** (here today, traveling late this week).

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