

Seven Key Doctrines of the Christian Church **(Doctrine of One Lord)**

A mini-series the Universality of the Christian Church

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We are currently studying Paul’s list of seven doctrines that separate the Christian church from the religions of the world. In this study we will discuss the third of seven doctrines listed in Eph.4:4-6,

(Eph.4:4-6) “There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - **one Lord**, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all”.

This lesson is on our fourth doctrine listed in Eph.4:4-6, **One Lord**. There is only One Lord and His name is Jesus Christ. This is one of the most profound doctrines of the New Covenant.

This lesson will study <u>five aspects</u> of the doctrine of One Lord.
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- 1. Thomas declared this doctrinal truth at a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus Christ (Jn.20:24-29).**
(Jn.20:28) “Thomas answered and said, ‘My Lord and my God.’”

Jesus had declared it at the Feast of Dedication (Jn.10:22-39).

The Jews ask,

(Jn.10:24b) “If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

Jesus answered,

(Jn.10:30) “I told you, but you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.”

(Jn.10:25) “I and the Father are one.”

(Jn.10:31) “Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.”

(Jn.10:33) “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself to be God.”

(Jn.10:37-38) “If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.”

(Jn.10:39) Jews picked up again stones

Jesus declared it again in His prayer of :

(Jn.17:11) “I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be ONE even as We are.”

2. Jesus Christ was born into the world as the Only Begotten Son of God.

(Jn.1:14) “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the **Only Begotten from the Father**, full of grace and truth.”

(Jn.10:18) “No one has seen God at any time; the Only Begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.”

(Jn.3:16) “For God so loved the world, that He **gave His Only Begotten Son**, that **whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**” (Jn.11:27; 1 Jn.4:9)

(Luke 2:11) “For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Lk.2:11; 1:32-35) Virgin Birth (Lk.3:22) (Baptism)

3. The doctrine of One Lord was taught by Jesus to the priest-nation of Israel who rejected it and Him (Jn.1:11-13).

Jesus declared it to a scribe with positive volition towards truth in (Mk.12:28-34).

The scribe asked Jesus, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” (Mk.12:28)

Jesus quoted it in (Deut.6:4) (**The Lord our God is One**) and (Lev.19:18) and (Mk.12:29-31).

The scribe agreed that “He is One, and there is no one else like Him.” (Mk.12:32)

Jesus answered him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” (Mk.12:34)

Peter declared it at Caesarea (Acts 10:24, 34-48)

(Acts 10:36) “The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (**He is Lord of all**).”

4. Following Pentecost Feast of 30AD, the title Lord as deity given to Jesus Christ become a household name.

Peter declared in his Pentecost sermon (Acts 2:32-36) (read) –

(Acts 2:34-35) “For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself said, ‘**The Lord said to My Lord**, sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.’ (quote from Ps.110:1)

Ananias to Paul after his conversation:

(Acts 9:17b) “Brother Saul, **the Lord Jesus**, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming.” (33AD)

Peter at Lydia near Joppa (Act 9:38-43) (Dorcas incident)

(Acts 9:43) “It became known all over Joppa, and many **believed in the Lord.**”

Church conference (50AD)

(Acts 15:11) “But we believe that we are **saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus**, in the same way as they also are.”

(Rom.14:8-9) “For if we live, **we live for the Lord**, or if we die, **we die for the Lord**; therefore, whether we live or die, **we are the Lord’s**. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that **He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.**”

5. During Second Advent, Jesus Christ will be called the Lord of lords and the Kings of kings (1 Tim.6:15; Rev.17:14; 19:16.

(Zech.14:9) “And **the Lord** will be king over all the earth; in that day will be the **only One**, and His **name the only One.**”

(Phil.2:9-11) “**For this reason** also, God highly exalted Him, and **bestowed on Him the name which is above every name**, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and **that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**”