



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## Can You Say, “Jesus Christ, My Lord”?

In **Rom. 5:21**, Paul states that eternal life is through “*Jesus Christ our Lord.*” That threefold name of our Savior is an interesting progression that we must go through to truly have salvation in Him.

**Jesus.** Jesus was His given name. Although it means “*Savior*” we have to remember that it was a very common name in first century Palestine. “*Jesus*” was the Greek form of the Hebrew name “*Joshua.*” It was very popular because of the old Testament hero of that name. Most people believe that there was a man named Jesus in first-century times who was a great teacher. When she was alive, the world’s most noted atheist, Madalyn Murray O’Hair, even admitted that Jesus existed. To believe that a man named Jesus walked the earth is good, but that is not enough to save.

**Christ.** Christ is His title. “*Christ*” means “*anointed one.*” This reveals the One anointed by the Father to die for mankind. He is the promised Messiah. Jesus Christ is the One who bore our sins on the cross (**1 Pet. 2:24**). To believe this is to affirm what Peter did in **Matt 16:16**, “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*” Many people believe that Jesus died for them, but that does not automatically make them saved (cf. **Matt. 7:21**). Certainly accepting Him as the Savior is an important step toward being saved, but one must still go one step further.

**Lord.** Lord indicates Jesus as our Divine Master. Calling Jesus “*Lord*” means that we recognize Him as having complete control over all of our lives. It means becoming a faithful servant to Him. It means dedicating your whole life to do things in His name. It requires sacrifice and commitment. Many want Jesus as a Friend and Savior (Christ), but not a Lord. But that’s what it takes to be saved in His name. Eternal life is in “*Jesus Christ our Lord.*” Jesus Himself asked, “*why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the things which I say?*” (**Luke 6:46**). By the way, this includes baptism for the remission of sins as a part of His plan of salvation (**Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 19:5**).

So, can you really call Him “*Jesus Christ my Lord*”? You must if you are to be saved.

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## Into His Marvelous Light

*“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9).*

I was reading this passage the other day, and a word struck me that I had rarely paid attention to before. Did you notice in the text that we are called into God’s marvelous light? Why didn’t it just say light? Couldn’t the point have been made just as profoundly without using the word marvelous? No, it couldn’t have! Marvelous is defined by the American Heritage Dictionary as *“causing wonder or astonishment.”* God’s light does indeed bring astonishment, and we should continually marvel at that fact. Notice, for example:

This light is marvelous because it emanates from God Himself. And no wonder, for God Himself is light (**1 John 1:5**). He created light for the heavens and the earth (**Gen. 1:3**). His Word is light (**Psa. 119:105**) and gives light (**Psa. 119:130**). He eternally lights up heaven with His glory (**Rev. 22:5**).

This light is marvelous because it saves all who enter it. Those obeying the lighted gospel call (**2 Tim. 1:9-10**) when it shines in their hearts (**2 Cor. 4:6**), become children of light (**1 Thess. 5:5**), and partake of the inheritance that exists in the light (**Col. 1:12**).

This light is marvelous because of the wonderful things that take place when one walks in the light. By walking in the light and staying faithful in its path, the blood of Jesus continually cleanses us (**1 John 1:7**). Also, we are assured of life, blessings, and much spiritual fruit lighting our lives (**Eph. 5:8-14**).

Everyone outside of this light is in darkness. They sit in darkness (**Psa. 107:10**). They walk in darkness (**Psa. 82:5**). They will spend an eternity in darkness (**Matt. 25:30**). Why would anyone choose to spend his life here in spiritual darkness and his life after physical death in eternal darkness, in punishment, separated from God? God gave us Jesus as the true Light (**John 1:9**). Those who follow Him receive the benefits of His marvelous light (**John 8:12**). Are you in the light? Are you walking in the light?

*“The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light” (Rom. 13:12).*

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:16).*

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