



WHO LEADS YOU ON THE RIGHT PATHS?

Wayne's Weekly Words There is an old but true saying that goes like this.

IF JESUS CHRIST IS NOT LORD **OF** ALL THEN JESUS CHRIST IS NOT LORD **AT** ALL!

LORD - KYRIOS

According to the later Greek grammarians, a man was a despotēs in relation to his slaves —and therefore an oikodespotēs — but a kyrios [Lord] in relation to his wife and children

— Trench's Synonyms of the New Testament

Jesus is not just someone we may choose to follow, as indicated above, the Lord is the head of the household and thus has full control of its members - unless they are disobedient.

The Lord is not only the “head of the household,” Paul wrote,

*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.*

Ephesians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

We are part of the “bride of Christ.” As loving “wives” we are to obey Him.

Now, let me go a step further. It is my belief that, once you have truly accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, you really have no choices in this life.

No choices? Well, you come to a fork in the road and try to determine whether to go to the right or to the left. While you think you are making the decision, our Lord has already blocked the other path so you have only one way to go. This may sound a bit simplistic. However, this is true only if Christ is Lord of ALL!

In our lives together for the past 51½ years, Gail

and I have come to many intersections where one route had this sign:



God did not want us to go that way and we had to go the way the Lord wished us to go. We never thought we would have been to the places we've been or do the things we have done. They have been far better than what we would have chosen for ourselves.

Now, I have to “balance the books!” While the Lord will direct our paths, there is no guarantee that we will have no troubles. Colon cancer and a year of chemo is not something I would choose. The Lord had a purpose in it - it is up to us to find out what it is. Paul knew -

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, **knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;** and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

Romans 5:1-5 (NKJV)

Do you believe that God still performs miracles? Well, He does! They may not be spectacular ones like crossing the Red Sea but, nevertheless, they are still miracles.

Why would God perform miracles today. If He is truly the Lord of our lives, there are times when he may need to perform some small miracle in order to keep us safe and on the right track. I think He may need some larger miracles to keep me on track!

If you do not see any miracles in your lives, it is either because you have not been watching for them or you are not completely subject to God's will. He is not Lord OF ALL!

In closing, have a blessed New Year - perhaps the Lord will return this year!

