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Christian Character / Faith; Hope; Love; Reason; Scriptural Reasoning; Jesus; Lord / 1 Peter 3:15

Hope because of Jesus Christ’s absolute authority and that people may know Him and experience His resurrection and return.

 

# I. Hope because of Jesus Christ’s divinity

## A. Jesus Christ’s divinity

John 20:28

See also 1 Co 8:6; 2 Co 3:17–18; Eph 4:5; 2 Th 2:16; 2 Pe 1:2

## B. The day of Christ Jesus

Philippians 1:6

See also 1 Co 1:8; 2 Co 1:14; Php 1:10; Php 2:16; Re 1:10

## C. Jesus Christ is ruler over all

Revelation 17:14

See also Dt 10:17; Re 19:16

## D. Jesus Christ is the SavIour

Romans 10:13

See also Joe 2:32; Ac 2:21

## E. Jesus Christ is Lord of the Sabbath

Matthew 12:8

# II. Hope because Jesus the Messiah is Lord

## A. “Jesus is Lord” is the basic Christian statement of faith

Romans 10:9

See also Ac 11:20; Ac 16:31; Ac 20:21; 1 Co 12:3; 2 Co 4:5; Php 2:10–11

## B. Jesus is Lord because of the resurrection

Romans 1:4

See also Ac 4:33; Ro 4:24; Ro 14:9; Heb 13:20

## C. Lord is a natural title for the risen Christ

Luke 24:34

See also Lk 22:61; Ac 1:21; Ac 7:59; 1 Co 9:1; 1 Co 9:5; 1 Th 4:17

# III. Hope because of our relationship with Jesus

## A. It is a personal relationship

Philippians 3:8

See also Ac 16:15; Ro 5:11; Ro 14:8; 1 Co 6:17; 2 Pe 2:20

## B. “The name of the Lord” expresses this relationship

1 Corinthians 6:11

See also Ac 8:16; Ac 15:26; Ac 19:5; Ac 21:13; Eph 5:20; Col 3:17

## C. “Jesus our Lord” expresses this relationship

Ephesians 6:24

See also 1 Co 15:57; 2 Co 8:9; Ga 6:14; Eph 5:20; 1 Th 5:28; 2 Ti 1:8

## D. “In the Lord” as an expression of this relationship

Philemon 16

See also Ro 16:12; Eph 6:10; Php 1:14; Php 2:29; Php 3:1; Phm 20

## E. The “grace of the Lord” as God’s provision for this relationship

1 Timothy 1:14

See also 2 Co 13:14; 2 Th 3:18; Phm 25; 2 Pe 3:18; Jud 21

# IV. Jesus Christ’s lordship signifies his absolute authority

## A. Jesus Christ as judge of all

1 Corinthians 4:4

See also 1 Co 11:32; 2 Co 10:18; 1 Th 4:6; 2 Th 1:8–9

## B. Jesus Christ as Lord of all

Romans 10:12

See also Ac 10:36; 1 Co 8:6; Php 2:10–11; Col 1:16–17

# **God’s Invitation and Plan of Salvation**

## **Hear** - Romans 10:17

## **Believe and Confess** - Romans 10:9-10

## **Repent** - Luke 13:3

## **Be Baptized** - Acts 2:38

## **Remain Faithful** - Revelation 2:10

**New to the Faith?**

• First Principles

**Have you fallen away from Faith**

• Need to be Restored

**My Decision Today**

• I would like to be baptized today

• I would like to renew my life to Christ

• I would like to learn more about Jesus and the Bible

**Questions: What are my next steps?**

• Come forward to be baptized

• Request a Bible Study to learn more

• Attend Bible Class to grow and mature

• Find a place to serve others

• Apply today’s lesson to my life