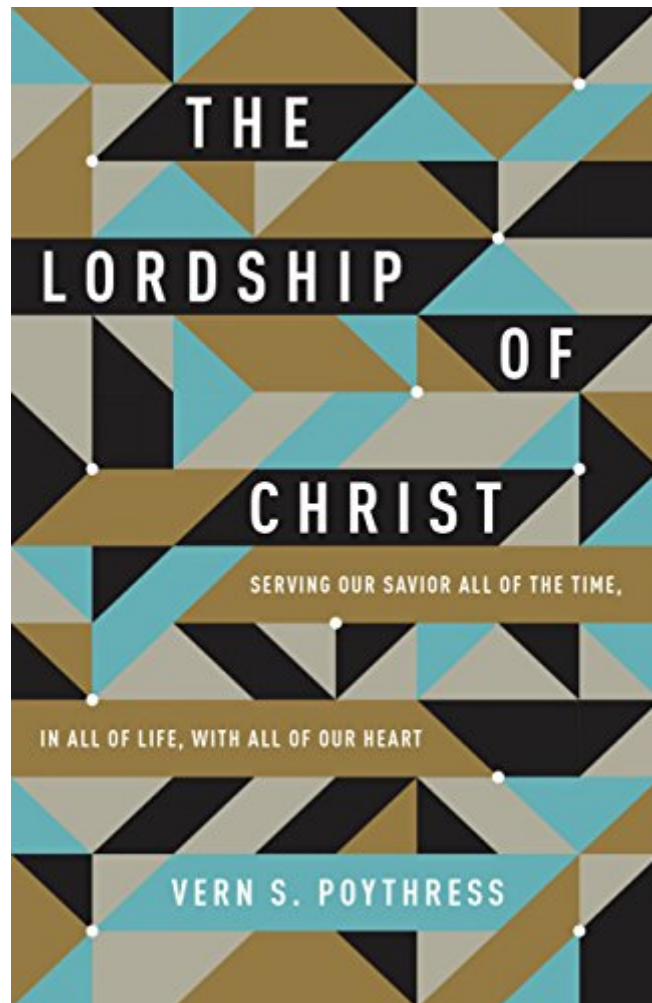


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# The Lordship Of Christ: Serving Our Savior All Of The Time, In All Of Life, With All Of Our Heart



## Synopsis

Jesus Christ was not merely a human being. He was not merely a famous religious teacher. Jesus Christ is Lord of all. This radical claim from the Bible has profound implications for every area of life "for every person and every facet of society. Drawing on key biblical texts, Vern Poythress explores what acknowledging the authority of Christ means for the way we should think and act. Unpacking how this authority affects spheres of life such as religion, politics, science, art, education, and the future, Poythress helps us pursue obedience to Christ as an expression of our gratitude and devotion "and our anticipation of the joy promised to us when we serve him with all of our heart.

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Vern Poythress. The Lordship of Christ: Serving Our Savior All of the Time, In All of Life, with All of Our Heart. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2016. 224 pp. \$14.49The Dutch statesman, Abraham Kuyper famously said, "There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine.'" Such is the theme of the recent book by Vern Poythress, The Lordship of Christ: Serving Our Savior All of the Time, In All of

Life, with All of Our Heart. Poythress attempts to show readers that the Lordship of Christ extends to every area of life, including politics, science, art, the future, education, and work. Nothing is excluded. The author sets the stage by making the crucial assertion that the lordship of Christ extends to believers and unbelievers alike. No one is excluded. Every atheist, agnostic, neo-pagan, gnostic, new ager, evolutionist, and every Christian is subject to the lordship of Christ. The general tone of the book is to help readers understand the implications of living in a world where Christ is Lord over all. Poythress carefully establishes the basis for a Christian worldview which is grounded in absolute surrender to Jesus Christ: "To confess Jesus to be Lord is to confess him to be God, the same God who is the God of Israel and who created the world." Poythress continues, "Jesus is therefore worthy of absolute allegiance. In giving allegiance to Jesus we are at the same time giving allegiance to God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, because the three persons are God." At the end of the day, every person who stands under Christ's lordship also recognizes that glorifying him brings the highest measure of satisfaction.

Jesus is Lord. This is a common proclamation by believers. However, do we truly understand what Jesus as Lord means in our life? If he is Lord, what does that look like on a practical level and how does it impact everything we do? Or does it? We certainly claim it does by declaring Jesus is Lord. In his excellent new book *The Lordship of Christ: Serving Our Savior all of the Time, in all of Life, with all our Heart*, author and theologian Vern Poythress outlines just what Jesus being Lord means and why we should care. I am a big fan of Vern Poythress so let me get that out in the open at the outset of this review. What I appreciate most about his writings revolves around the depth by which he engages topics. Admittedly there have been times when his perspicuity on a subject leaves my head spinning just a bit, especially when it comes to matters of math and science. With that said, this book is supremely practical and I found myself yelling a silent (and sometimes verbal) yes as I read it. Let me explain why. Poythress divides this book into four parts, each engaging an important element of how we are to understand and apply what this whole Lordship of Christ thing is all about. When we discuss Jesus, especially his Lordship over our lives, it is quite tempting to race straight to the cross or the writings of Paul. While there is nothing wrong with such an approach, I think Poythress rightly starts his discussion in a more proper location, namely identifying why Jesus is Lord, what he came to do, and how that is the foundation of the entire biblical drama. God created everything, the sin of Adam messed everything up, thus the need for a Redeemer to fix this mess.

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