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Lesson Goal: To encourage students to understand who Jesus really is and what it means to have the mind of Christ.

Scriptures: Philippians 2:11

For Memory: “and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:11

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We have come to the end of the great hymn about Jesus. What a song! What a great picture of who Jesus was and is. We have seen many different things about Jesus as we search for what it means to have the mind (attitude) of Jesus. As we come to the end of the song, we hear the Apostle Paul say that there will come a time when every tongue will confess that Jesus is really who He said He was.*

It is necessary, first, to say what this particular confession means. When that time comes everything that has a tongue will confess, “Jesus Christ is Lord.” We need to understand that we are talking about a different kind of confession than that of Peter when he said, as recorded in Mark 8:29, “You are the Christ.” This is also a different confession than that of every true believer, who at the time of their salvation, confesses, “Jesus Christ is Lord...of my life.” What Paul is telling the Philippians here is that a time will come when even those who previously refused to say it will admit that Jesus Christ is Lord. That will not make them children of God,. They are admitting something that they refused to confess when they could have and should have. They will not be saved by the confession, they will simply be admitting the truth that they were not willing to admit before.

These four words were the first creed of the Christian church. (A creed is a statement of what one believes. See Romans 10:9. I Corinthians 12:3) It is a simple statement, but with very large meaning. First, it is combining the words Jesus and Christ. Jesus means God is Salvation. Christ means Messiah or the promised one. So when one puts those two names together it identifies the Jesus of the New Testament with the Messiah who was promised in the Old Testament.

Then, to say that He is Lord, is to recognize Him as the owner and ruler over all things (Colossians 1:15-20) and give Him total power over your life. (John 20:28) When a person says, “Jesus Christ is Lord,” and believes it with all their heart, they will become a true child of God. (Romans 10:9) This then must be the most powerful statement that a human can make. It makes you a child of God, and it insures that God will care for you even after you die.

So, why is it necessary that every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord? Because,

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God sent His only Son into the world to be the Lord of our lives for all eternity. His greatest hope was that everyone would believe that Jesus was the Messiah. (II Peter 3:9) But, since some do not, it is necessary that God honor His Son by seeing to it that everything that has a tongue finally recognize Jesus for who He is. God was telling Isaiah who He was. As He was ending His statement, He said, “Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.” (Isaiah 45:23b) Since Jesus is God, that must be carried out.

This leads us to the very last phrase in this song. We are informed that when those tongues confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, they do so to the glory of God. Romans 3:23 tells us that all humans “fall short of the glory of God.” But here, we are told that Jesus, the perfect man, brings glory to God. Jesus Himself said, “I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” (John 17:4)

Think about it, when a boy or girl does good things, other people think well of parents who train such a child. The parents are given praise for what their children do. Psalm 86:12 says, “I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.” When we say, “Jesus Christ is Lord,” we glorify God.

*Underlined statements in this Teacher’s Guide appear in the Student Worksheet with blanks to be filled in by the student during the lesson. Words in the Student Worksheet may not appear exactly as printed in the Teacher’s Guide.



Teaching Tips:

1. In this lesson, we have the opportunity to use many scriptures. To do the very best job in teaching this lesson, look up all the Scriptures and read their context. This would be especially true of Isaiah 45 and John 17.
2. Songs that emphasize Jesus as God, the name of Jesus, and many praise songs, particularly those that use the word “glory,” would be appropriate.
3. Pray with your students thanking God for sending Jesus to earth to make it possible for us to become His children.
4. A word study of “glory” and “glorify” in a Bible dictionary and concordance would be very helpful in preparing for this lesson.
5. Only God could make it possible for everything that has a tongue to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Student Worksheet

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For Memory: “and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10

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=As we come to the end of the song, we hear the Apostle Paul _____ that there will come a time when every tongue will confess that _____ is really who He said He was.

=This is a different confession than that of every _____ believer who at the time of their salvation confesses, “Jesus Christ is Lord...of my _____.”

=They will not be saved by the confession, they will simply be admitting the _____ that they were not _____ to admit before.

=When one puts those two names together (Jesus and Christ) it identifies the _____ of the New Testament with the _____ who was promised in the Old Testament.

=To say that He is Lord, is to recognize Jesus as the owner and ruler over all _____ and give Him total _____ over your life.

=It is necessary that God honor His Son by seeing to it that _____ that has a tongue finally recognize _____ for who He is.

=Psalm 86:12, “I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my _____; I will glorify your name forever.” When we say, “Jesus Christ is Lord,” we _____ God.

How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:

First, believe that there is a God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God’s Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus’ name. Jesus’ death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.

Fifth, believe that He has answered your prayer and be determined to live for him all the rest of your life.