

## When You Sanctify Christ as Lord

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  - b. You will be safe in all \_\_\_\_\_.
  
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  - a. Your hope in hardship will open doors for the gospel.
  - b. Your hope in hardship will \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of the gospel.



*First Peter*

*To God's Chosen Ones*



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To sanctify Christ as Lord in your heart is to regard Him as holy and to obey Him in righteous fear.



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What could any person ever do to a soul protected by the power of God?

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# Blessed?

## Matthew 5:10-12

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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*You are safe in persecution.*

*You are safe in all affliction.*

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Apart from threats of persecution,  
the world is filled with many fears.

But among all those things,  
what do you have to fear if Christ  
is Lord and is for you?



**1 Peter 3:12**

For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
And His ears attend to their prayer...

### **Romans 8:38-39**

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**You are safe in Jesus!**

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You can only give a defense  
for something that has shaped  
your thinking.

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When hope shapes your thinking,  
it will also shape your doing.



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Faith in your future will lead to  
faithfulness in your present.

# Hope will shape your heart:

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It is by sanctifying Christ as Lord in your heart that you will overcome fear.

If fear can be subjected to Christ, all emotions can be.



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the hope you have in hardship will  
confound the world around you and  
will stir conversations about Christ.

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*Your hope in hardship will validate  
the truth of the gospel.*

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who asks you to **give an account for the hope**  
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The gospel is what holds out  
hope to a lost world.

Your perseverance and joy in  
hardship validates that the hope  
of the gospel is real.

# Implication:

In those times that your responses to hardships are no different from the world's, you are not regarding Christ *as* Lord or trusting Him as *your* Lord, and you are confusing the gospel.



# Conclusion:

You are called to regard Christ  
as holy and as Lord.

When you do, the circumstances of your  
life will no longer be what governs you;

**The hope of Christ will.**