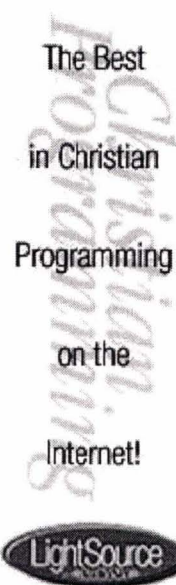


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Subject: Is "lordship salvation" biblical?

Dear Dr. Ryrie:I have a copy of your study Bible, and I have enjoyed it very much and have learned a great deal. My question is, if you are of the opinion that one doesn't have to submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ in order to be saved, why do some of your footnotes reflect submission to Christ as a necessity? --Al H.

Dear Al:I'm glad you asked that question, because I never want anyone to think that I make light of the lordship of Christ. I do not believe that submission or even willingness to submit to His mastery over the years of one's life is a necessary part of saving faith. But I do strongly believe that every believer should face the question of who will control his or her life during the years on earth. Lordship for salvation, no. Lordship for full discipleship, yes. Since Paul exhorted believers in Rome to submit to the lordship of Christ (Rom. 12:1-2), he must have considered that one could be a true believer and yet not submitted, and that true believers need to submit.



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