

Lord of Posts

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The Bible has much to say about “the Lord of hosts”. The phrase occurs 232 times in the ESV, pointing to His overwhelming power and might. For example, “But the Lord of hosts, Him shall you honor as holy. Let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread” (Isaiah 8:13).

But this other “title” – Lord of posts – as in “posts” we might enter in social media? The Bible does not say anything about that, does it? The Bible does say much, however, about how God expects His people to communicate, and that would make Him “Lord of posts”.

For example, do we post opinions and comments that go contrary to Scripture? The world does it all the time; hatred and judgment ooze from just about every form of social media. People may conceal themselves behind pen names, but that does not stop the pain of seeing such unloving worldly attitudes put into words.

Is God our Lord when we comment on social media? How does Christ want us to respond? Here is a positive statement: “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:6). But also hear this from Jesus in Matthew 12:36,37: “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Is Jesus the Lord of my posts? Words, whether oral or written, may condemn me on Judgment Day.

Another example of how we might use social media is in photos we might post. Are they becoming of a Christian? Examples of modesty? Is Jesus my Lord of posts?

In 1 Timothy 2:9,10 Paul taught how Christian women must dress: “Likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness – with good works.” (The concept applies to men, too.)

Douglas Moo commented on Paul’s directive: “This is not a blanket prohibition of all jewelry and fine clothing but a warning against seductive, prideful, or ostentatious self-display” (NIV Biblical Theology Study Bible). With Jesus’ warning against lust in Matthew 5:27-30, should a Christian dress in a way that knowingly arouses lust?

I know social media can be used for great good, but I also know it can become an octagon where verbal free-for-alls are held. In such cases Christians must use restraint and wisdom. We serve not only the Lord of hosts, but also the Lord of posts.



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

Today’s Sermon: *Baptized Again?*

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Scripture Reading: Titus 3:3-5

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: July 1st**, at the building at 6:30. We have been studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament. We will be winding up our study of Amos.
- **Ice Cream Social Distancing: Friday, July 10th, 6pm until gone.**
- **Next Potluck: TBD**
- **Next Regional Singing: August 30th (if possible) venue TBA**



- We are planning an **Ice Cream Social Distancing** outreach event this **Friday July 10th at 6pm in the church parking lot**. There will be homemade and store-bought ice cream to give out. Please let Arthur or Paul know if you are willing to donate ice cream or cones to this effort.
- The **Sojourners** regret that they had to cancel their trip this year due to Covid 19 self-quarantine restrictions on travelers from AL and AR.
- The church at **Horseheads** have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of their **new preacher, David Istre** and his wife Mary and their two young children from their long, arduous trip from China via Hong Kong and Korea. They plan to arrive in Elmira tomorrow late afternoon.
- **Arthur** will be preaching today.
- **Ruthie** will be having the second of her two cataract surgeries early tomorrow morning.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for all of us as individual states are opening for business and gatherings in stages. Pray that the virus will not lead to death.**
- **We are thankful to see our brothers and sisters in Christ as we return to worshiping together here in our beautiful building.**
- Pray for **Ruthie** as she has cataract surgery again tomorrow morning. We are thankful for her good recovery from the first surgery.
- Pray for **John Chacona**, Ted's brother.
- Pray for **Andrea Lentz**, friend of Darlene's, who has lung cancer.
- Pray for **Lori Kashorek**, wife of Doug, who preaches in Plattsburg. She has lung cancer and is also dealing with two brain tumors.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his esophageal cancer in the months to come. He is undergoing chemo and radiation both at the same time.
- **Bill Dayton**, preacher in Kentucky is suffering from severe depression. Pray for him and for his wife Laura, who cares for him.
- **Pray for a safe trip for the Istre family as they begin their new work at the church in Horseheads.**
- **Pray for our country as we go through a time of turmoil and racial tension.** Pray for our leaders and help us all to think and behave like Christians...with love. We are thankful that we live here in **the USA where we are free** to worship.
- Pray for our **Ice Cream Social Distancing** outreach on Friday.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.