

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Jesus Is Lord!****Jesus Is Lord!, on: 2008/8/25 22:43**

"The loyalty oath required by Roman citizens to demonstrate their allegiance to the empire in general and to the emperor in particular was to say publicly, "Kaisar Kurios," that is, "Caesar is lord." In the first-century church, Christians bent over backward to be obedient to civil magistrates, including the oppressive measures of Caesar, and yet, when it came to making the public affirmation that Caesar is lord, Christians could not do so in good conscience. As a substitute for the phrase, "Caesar is lord," the early Christians made their affirmation by saying, "Jesus is Lord." To do that was to provoke the wrath of the Roman government, and in many cases, it cost the Christian his life. Therefore, people tended not to make that public affirmation unless they were moved by the Holy Spirit to do so. The simple creed, "Jesus is Lord," or more full statements, such as the Apostles' Creed give an outline of basic, essential teachings. The creeds summarize New Testament content."

~R.C. Sproul

**Re: Jesus Is Lord! - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2008/8/25 23:13**

"There is but one King that I know. It is He whom I love and worship. If I were to be killed a thousand times for my loyalty to Him; I would still be His servant. Christ is on my lips, Christ is in my heart; no amount of suffering will take Him from me!!"

GENESIUS OF ROME

(former citizen turned Christian  
before he was thrown to the wild  
animals and martyred by Nero)