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 - Jesus was 100% human and 100% Divine— not *two different spirits* (since the spirit animating His flesh was *already* His Holy Spirit), but He had both His essential human-*ness* and His essential God-*ness* working together in perfect unity
 - Well, that’s what *they* meant by it, at least...



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 - Read Romans 1:7
 - How did Paul address his letter to the church?
 - The word he used here was *κύριος* (“*Kyrios*” or “*Lord*”—a term of respect for one's social superior, adapted from the original root word “*κύρος*”—“*kuros*” or “supremacy”)



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- The word he used here was *κύριος* and it implied a degree of deference—of allegiance and respect naturally owed to one's rightful ruler
 - How did Peter express the extent of that supremacy in verses like Acts 2:36 or Acts 10:36?
 - How did John later dial that up to 11 in verses like Revelation 19:16?
 - Jesus is rightfully the “*βασιλεὺς βασιλέων*” (“*King of kings*”) and the “*κύριος κυρίων*” (“*Lord of lords*”)—so what does that mean for us?



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 - So is this like “Vampires can't touch crosses” or “the Devil can't quote Scripture without bursting into flame” —a superstitious litmus test based on all entities' essential inability to express spiritual untruths?
 - No one who **I**ruly has the Holy Spirit in them is going to **I**ruly curse Christ and no one can genuinely, **I**ruly express and live out the Lordship of Christ in their life unless they **I**ruly have the Holy Spirit within them
 - So how does Paul's point here work its way out in our everyday life?



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 - Read Romans 10:4-5, 8-10
 - What does Paul say that we need to do in order to be saved? Is it by being righteous enough to *merit* salvation by our works?
 - How does Paul apply the quotation from Deuteronomy 30:14 that he refers to in verse 8?
 - How does he then support and explain his assertions in verses 9-10 by his quotes from Isaiah 28:16 and Joel 2:32 in verses 11 and 13?

