Jesus Christ: King Of Kings
1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14

Introduction:
A. Old Song: “He's got the whole world in his hands...”
   1. Easy to forget this in a time of uncertainty and fear.
   2. Easy to forget this in a time of peace and prosperity.
   3. We forget that Jesus Christ has universal authority (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-23)
B. Jesus rules both the world and the church.
   1. The world often by overruling the intentions of men.
   2. The church by man's voluntary submission.

Discussion:
I. Christ's Rule Over The World — The Kingdoms of Men.
   A. “King of kings” and “Lord of lords”. (texts)
      1. Suggests a king above all other kings.
         a. Applied to Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. (Ezek 26:7; Dan. 2:37)
         b. Applied to king of Artaxerxes of Persia (Ezra 7:12).
      2. Suggests Lord over all other lords (dignitaries). (cf. Deut. 10:17; Psa. 136:3).
   B. Authority that His Father has always had. (Eph. 1:21)
      1. Over the nations. (Ps. 22:28).
      2. Over the kingdoms of men. (Dan. 4:17,25-32; 5:21)
         a. Removes and sets up kings. (Dan. 2:21).
         b. Uses nations for purposes. (Isa. 10:5-7,12).
   C. Controls events on world stage behind the scenes from heaven.
      1. May seem out of control, but are not.
      2. May have little control ourselves, but our Lord controls all.
         a. Civil rulers only have power granted from above. (John 19:10,11).
         b. Can have some control through prayer. (Jas. 5:16-18; 1 Tim. 2:2)
   D. Christian should trust Him to work things out — he will (cf. Phil. 12).
II. His Rule Over The Church — His Spiritual Kingdom. (Eph. 1:23).
   A. His rule over house of God prophesied. ( Isa. 2:1-5)
      1. Rule of Christ exalted above all other rule. (cf. v. 17).
      2. Rule or kingdom set above all other. (Dan. 2:44).
      3. Rule was to be set up in last days. (cf. Acts 2:16; Mk. 9:1).
   B. His rule over his spiritual kingdom prophesied. (Dan. 2:44)
      1. A spiritual kingdom. (John 18:36).
      2. Same as church. (Matt. 16:18,19).
         a. Saved translated into kingdom. (Col. 1:13,14).
         b. Saved added to church. (Acts 2:47)
   C. His rule extends to being head over all things to the church. (Eph. 1:22)
      1. Rule excised through apostles as ambassadors.(cf. 2 Cor. 5:20; Mt. 16:19; 18:18).
      2. Apostolic and prophetic word is ruling instrument. (Jn. 14:25,26; 15:26,27; 16:12; 17:20; Rom. 10:6-17).

Conclusion:
A. If we voluntarily and completely submit to his rule we will be blessed for eternity.
   1. He will use his power to save us in heaven. (2 Tim. 1:12; Jude 24,25)
   2. He will use his power to glorify us. (Rom. 8:18,28,30,37-39)
   3. He will never leave us nor forsake us. (Heb. 13:5)
B. If we neglect or reject his rule, we will not be saved, but he will be ruler over all.