

Series "Joy In Christ"
"Exaltation Of Jesus"
Philippians 2:5-11
Part-8

John 1:1-14; Colossians 1:15-19; Hebrews 1:2-3

Philippians 2 Joy In Serving: (Submissive Mind)
Philippians 2:1-4 Being Like-Minded:
Philippians 2:5-11 The Exaltation Of Jesus:

Apostle Paul has pleaded with the church for them to take on lowliness, and now moves from the "Plea" to the "Pattern."
Jesus Christ is the pattern of humility. John 13:35

Every divinely ordered virtue that the child of God is to exhibit is found in Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:21;1 John 2:6

Verses 5-8 What Jesus Christ Did To Humble Himself: (Lost His Life)
Verses 9-11 What The Father Did For Him: (He Found It)

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Is The Believer's Model Of Humility In His Obedient Service, Leading To Death And The Exaltation Of Jesus."

- 1. Verse 5 Jesus The Model:**
- 2. Verses 6-8 Jesus Humbled Himself:**
- 3. Verses 9-11 Jesus Exalted By God:**

1. Verse 5 Jesus The Model:

Philippians 2:5 Have "this"

Context – refers back to the content of the exhortations **(2:1-4)**

attitude in yourselves Paul has just spoken of being of the same mind, same love, united in spirit, humility, concern for others. **Philippians 2:4**

attitude – the mind of Christ is the attitude of humility that leads to crucifixion death.

Have this attitude (mind) in yourselves

"Think this in you, among yourselves"

Literally, *"Keep thinking this among you, (attitude) which was in Christ Jesus"*

The Outlook Determines The Outcome.

If the outlook is selfish, the actions will be divisive and destructive.

Which was also in Christ Jesus, our example is Jesus! Mark 10:45

"Believers cannot duplicate the precise ministry of Jesus, but we can display His same attitude."

2. Verses 6-8 Jesus Humbled Himself:

Philippians 2:6

Jesus' Seven Steps Down In Humility, Jesus The Model Of Humility:

Christology: *"Theology that examines the nature and work of Jesus, His humanity, divinity, and role in salvation."*

1. Verse 6 Being In The Form Of God: who, although He existed in the form of God, That speaks of the essence of God. *"Jesus' outwardly manifested the inner reality of His being."* **His Deity:** Before Bethlehem, Jesus was God. The burning bush before Moses, **Exodus 3:2;** (Captain) before Joshua, **Joshua 5:13.**

who, although He existed – "being"

Jesus did not become God when He was a man.

John 1:1, 14; 1 Timothy 3:16

Those who question His deity, Jesus said, **John 8:58** *"Self-existent One"*

existed (*"being" present tense His continuing condition*) **in the form of God,** *"the inner, essential and abiding nature of a person or thing"* **Jesus' deity was pre-human, pre-earthly, pre-Bethlehem, and pre-Mary! John 17:5**

2. Verse 6 Made Himself Of No Reputation:

did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

"Christ had not need to grasp at equality with God, for He already possessed it"
the second person of the trinity;

John 1:18; John 5:18

Philippians 2:7 but emptied Himself,

"the self-emptying" "made himself nothing"

This was not His deity, He emptied Himself of the glory that He shared from the beginning.

Philippians 2:8 He humbled Himself

2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 26:53; John 17:5

3. Verse 7 Took The Form Of A Slave: taking the form of a bond-servant, "servant" (doulou) refers to a **(slave)**

(this is not an exchange, but rather an addition "God became a bond-servant")

The mark of a servant is *"someone without rights"*

The servant submits their will to the master. Isaiah 52:13; Matthew 23:11

Hebrews 10:7

4. Verses 7-8 Made In The Likeness Of Men:

being made in the likeness of men.

(Plural "Jesus represented the human race, Second Adam")

This word **likeness** – does not mean exactness. Similarity, but leaves room for differences. *(God in flesh, God without a sinful nature like us)*

Jesus, the creator, came as one of His creations;

He came as a creature, and the creature was subject to the authority of the creator.

Philippians 2:8 appearance – *"fashion, changing, passing away"*

The incarnation that Jesus was fully God **Isaiah 53:2**

5. Verse 8 He Humbled Himself: He humbled Himself *"empty Himself"*

Jesus did not empty Himself of His deity. *"to submit to authority"*

Fully God

Jesus voluntarily surrendered the independent use of His powers for redemption's purposes. Luke 22:42; John 5:19-23

Jesus Walked in His Father's Ways – John 16:28

Jesus Willed His Father's Will – John 5:30

Jesus Spoke His Father's Word – John 14:24

Jesus Did His Father's Work – John 17:4

Jesus Rejoiced In His Father's Love – John 10:17

Jesus Sought His Father's Aid – John 11:41

Jesus Aimed At His Father's Glory – John 8:49

6. Verse 8 Became Obedient Unto Death:

by becoming obedient to the point of death,

Jesus became the substitutionary death **John 10:17-18**

7. Verse 8 Even The Death Of The Cross: even death on a cross.

Jesus willingly died the criminal's death.

Deuteronomy 21:23; Isaiah 53:5-6

Philippians 2:17

Jesus Christ Our Example: 1 Peter 2:21-25

3. Verses 9-11 Jesus Exalted By God:

Philippians 2:9 For this reason also,

Context - The voluntary humility of Jesus Christ

The Four results From The Humility Of Jesus Christ, Is The Exaltation Of Jesus:

1. Verse 9 God Highly Exalted Him: God highly exalted Him,

actually *"Super-exalted"*

“That the way up is the way down”

2. Verses 9 Name Above Every Name: and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, Matthew 1:21

name – *“represents the total person, the office, the rank, and the dignity attached to the person because of position.”*

The precious name of Jesus – **Luke 24:47**

3. Verse 10 Results Of Exaltation – Every Knee Will Bow: Philippians 2:10 (Isaiah 45:23)

EVERY KNEE WILL BOW

The bowing of the knee is an act of reverence, respect, and submission to the person that we drop to our knees before.

of those who are in heaven,
Revelation 4-5 scenes of heaven. Place of worship

and on earth At His coming **Isaiah 45:23; Romans 14:11**

and under the earth,
Those in hell and the eternal lake of fire will acknowledge him.

Every person will express allegiance with joy or despair, but it will be declared by all!

4. Verse 11 Results Of Exaltation - Every Tongue Will Confess Jesus Is Lord: Philippians 2:11 word **confess** – is a compound word *“confessing or acknowledging or proclaiming”* with *“thanksgiving”* *“Every tongue shall freely proclaim with thanksgiving that Jesus is Lord.”*
1 Peter 5:5-6

Application:

- 1.** Only The Cross Can Produce Humility, A Heart To Love, The Placing Of Others First, As Jesus Modeled. Believers Cannot Duplicate The Precise Ministry Of Jesus, But We Can Display His Same Attitude
- 2.** Voluntary Surrender And Humility Of The Believer Will Result In God’s Exaltation, Taking On God’s Likeness **Luke 14:11**
- 3.** Daily Communion And Fellowship With Jesus Christ Is Necessary In Maintaining The Model Of Jesus Christ