

## GSM

### Philippians 2:5-11

#### A Call to humility- The example of Christ

##### I. Philippians 2:5

A. **Let this mind-** Gr. **phroneo-** present **passive** imperative- *Be yielding to this thinking.* This word is in the passive voice. This means we **receive** from the mind of Christ or let the thinking of Christ **have influence over us.** We can be dominated by the thinking of Christ.

1. We **have** the mind of Christ- **1 Cor. 2:16**

a. by the Word of God

b. in our spirit by Christ living within us- His mind is in us by the Spirit of Christ

2. We are to yield ourselves to and receive from the mind and thinking of Christ- The Word and Spirit

3. In each situation we must consult the Word of God and the Spirit within us to get the thinking of Christ.

B. **in you-** The mind of Christ is within you by the Word you put in your heart and by the Spirit of Christ. We need to yield to it!

C. **which was in Christ Jesus-** Again this is the mind or thinking of Christ.

##### II. Philippians 2:6

A. **Being-** Gr. **huparcho-** pres tense. - *Always existing*

B. **in the form of God- form-** Gr. **morphe-** *means the expression of the true inner nature of a thing.* Ex. a butterfly worm has the DNA of a beautiful butterfly. Once it goes through metamorphosis then the true inner nature of the butterfly is made visible. Jesus was the visible manifestation of the true nature of God Himself.

C. **thought-** Gr. **hegeomai-** aor. middle- *lead the way.* We are to lead the way and serving and putting others before us. Jesus led the way and voluntarily humbled himself to become a man in order to serve us. He took the first step in the humbling process. The **middle voice** reveals Jesus took the initiative in humbling himself to become a man and die for us. He was not forced to do it or talked into it. He voluntarily chose to do it Himself.

D. **robbery-** Gr. **harpagmos-** *a prize that had to be held onto at all costs- something clung to.*

1. Paul is using Jesus as an example of one who though he was God and equal to God, chose to humble himself by taking on the form of a

servant and serve the Father and us. Although we are all equal in Christ, we are called to humble ourselves and see others in a higher position to us, which makes us their servants. **vs. 4**

E. **equal with God**- Gr. **isos**- *alike in qualities and dignity*.

### III. Philippians 2:7

A. **Made Himself of no reputation**- Gr. **kenoo**- *emptied himself*-

1. **Jesus laid aside temporarily the prerogative to use His Divine powers**- ex. omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence- Jesus

operated as a man under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. **Jesus however did not cease being God when He took on humanity**. He chose not to use His prerogative to operate in His attributes of Deity while he was on the Earth. Jesus reassumed the use of His Divine attributes once he was glorified. He is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent. He is seated by the Father, but Christ is in us also.

2. **He laid aside His glory- John 17:5**- Jesus laid aside the manifestation of His glorious state to take on the humble state of a human servant. He prayed for the glory to be restored to Him after his resurrection, which it was.

B. **took upon Him**- Gr. **lambano**- aor. act. participle- *to take*; aor. participle- this is a secondary verb that takes place before the primary verb before it, which in this case is emptied himself. What led Jesus to lay aside his glory and powers?

C. **form** - Gr. **morphe**- *outward expression of the inner nature of a thing*.

D. **servant**- Gr. **doulos**- *slave or servant*- Jesus took on the outward display of a servant which was really just an expression of His very nature! The act of Jesus laying aside His glory and powers and become a man and die on the cross to serve us, was the expression of His inner nature of a servant!

E. What does this teach us? **Our lovely Savior has and always did have a heart of a servant**. He just did have the opportunity to reveal it until His incarnation, life, ministry, and work at the cross. When He took on flesh His true nature came into vivid display like none other!

F. Jesus is the 2nd member of the God-head. All three members of the Trinity have the same essence and nature. **If Jesus has the inner nature of a servant this means so does God the Father and the Holy Spirit!** Wow we serve a humble God who naturally loves to serve. God ministers to us constantly. What a great and worthy God we have! He is worthy to be worshipped and served.

G. **made**- Gr. **ginomai**- *became*

H. **likeness of men**- *resemblance*- He appeared to be just like us in every way. However, He had no sin nature and His Father was God. This does not mean Jesus was not fully human. It does not say he came into the resemblance of a man, but he resembled all men [or mankind].

#### IV. Philippians 2:8

A. **Being found**- Gr. **heurisko**-*discovered*- Man had to discover who Jesus really was because He looked like everyone else

B. **fashion of a man**- Gr. **schema**- *mere outward form of humankind*

C. **humbled himself**- Gr. **tapeinos**- *lowered himself*

D. **became obedient**- Gr. **hupekoos**- aor. part.- Once Jesus took on humanity he became obedient. This obedience preceded and led him to die according to God's will- Garden of Gethesemene- Not my will be done, but your will be done.

1. Jesus learned obedience- **Hebrews 5:8**

E. **unto death**- His obedience went as far as dying

F. **even the death of the cross**- The humbling went as far as dying on the most humiliating and painful death possible. He did not have to do it. He chose to do it out of His service to His Father and us.

#### G. **The humbling of Jesus**

1. Took on the outward expression of a servant

2. Divested Himself of His glory and powers

3. Became a man [actually a baby!]

4. Humbled Himself by being obedient

5. Submitted to death

6. Submitted to the death of the cross

7. Went into hell

#### V. Philippians 2:9

A. **highly exalted**- *super elevated*

1. This is a spiritual law- **1 Peter 5:6; Luke 9:48**

2. Jesus humbled himself to the maximum degree so He was elevated the maximum degree. He is Lord of all!

B. Although Jesus has been exalted He has never lost His heart of a servant. It is part of His essence and nature.

C. **given a name**- A name carries with it **character, standing [authority], and merits of a person**. The name of Jesus has impeccable character, the highest authority, and inexhaustible merits before the Father. This name has been given to the church. We conquer through the name of Jesus!

D. **above every name-** or, what is named- Whether it be a **person, place, or thing.** He is Lord of all! This includes

1. Satan and demons
2. Sin
3. Sickness
4. Lack
5. Contrary circumstances to the Word of God

## VI. Philippians 2:10-11

A. **at the name of Jesus-** Lit. "*in* the name of Jesus"

1. Many including Satan will not want to bow, but at the authority filled command- "**In the name of Jesus bow!**"- they will all bow!

B. Those in three realms will bow

1. **those in heaven-** heavenly angels and saints- They are bowing now. This includes us that have bowed our knee to His lordship and are seated with Christ in heavenly places.
2. **those on the earth** when he returns at the end of the tribulation
3. **those under the earth-** all the lost from all ages after the millennium- including Satan and demons

C. **Every tongue will confess-** Gr. **homologeō-** *say the same thing-* Every tongue of those in heaven, on earth, and under the Earth will all say the same thing the Father says about Jesus- He is Lord of all!

D. **to the glory of the Father-** Jesus will take all this glory and praise and give it to the Father. He still is a servant!

1. **1 Cor. 15:24-** Jesus will turn the kingdom over to the Father after the Millennium.

E. We have already bowed the knee and confessed His name when we got saved. However, this is the process we go through to experience victory in each situation of life. We bow the knee to His will and confess Jesus is Lord over all.

## VII. Recap

1. Paul is addressing in this book disunity and strife.
2. In chapter 2 Paul uses 5 examples of servant hood for the Philippians to follow
  - a. **The Trinity- Vs. 1-2**
  - b. **Jesus Christ- Vs. 5-9**
  - c. **Himself- Vs. 17**
  - d. **Timothy- Vs. 19-22**
  - e. **Epaphroditus- Vs. 25-30**

### 3. Lessons

- a. **Jesus is a servant by nature-** This is true of the Trinity
- b. **Although Jesus was equal with God, he lowered Himself to be a servant**
- c. **Jesus is in us so we through the new birth share this servant nature.**
- d. **Have you taken on the form of a servant? How can you tell?**  
**You'll know if you have taken on the form of a servant by how you react when people treat you like one.** All of us like to think of ourselves as servants. We sing "I will serve you because I love you". But when someone treats us like a servant, we get offended! **Slaves are not noticed. Slaves are not thanked. Slaves are not invited to dinner. No one compliments them. No one applauds them. They're expected to do their work and not be seen.** How do we handle being treated like a servant?