

## **SEPT 13-19 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**"HAVE THIS MIND AMONG YOURSELVES, WHICH YOU HAVE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO THOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT COUNT EQUALITY WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED, BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING THE FORM OF A SERVANT, BEING BORN IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN. AND BEING FOUND IN HUMAN FORM HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF AND BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS. THEREFORE GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM AND BESTOWED ON HIM THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER."**

### **PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-11**

*In classical theological terms, this passage is often referred to as the "Kenotic Christology," with a focus on the Greek term "kenosis" which refers to God's making it possible for us to experience his rich essence in this world.*

*It would be true to say that in many ways this is the greatest and most moving passage Paul ever wrote about Jesus. With this passage Paul states a favorite thought, made to the Corinthians, that although Jesus was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor (2 Cor. 8: 9). But here that simple idea is stated a fullness and richness which is without parallel. Paul is pleading with the Philippians to live in unity and harmony, to lay aside their discords, to shed their personal ambitions and their pride and their desire for prominence and prestige, and to have in their hearts a humble, selfless desire to serve, which was the very essence of the life of Jesus, as the Christ. His final and unanswerable appeal for unity is to point at the example of Jesus. This is a passage which we must try to understand more fully, because it has much in it to awaken our minds to thought and our hearts to wonder.*