



"The Son is Our Pattern for Humility"

Good Morning. I hope you are doing well today.

We continue our discovery of the Jesus-Who-Is in Philippians 2:5-11:

Philippians 2: 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

The Son had and has all the attributes of the Father. He is

- All powerful
- All knowing, and
- Present everywhere.

But in order to accomplish God's purpose in the world – the creation of a unique People for himself called by his name in whom he comes to abide now and forever -- the Son did not consider equality with the Father something to be "seized".

Instead he set aside his three divine attributes to "pour himself out" into Jesus of Nazareth.

Philippians 2: 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Can anything be more astonishing than this?

That God in his Son would humble himself to be unjustly judged, savagely tortured, and crucified to death naked in front of a huge Passover holiday crowd in Jerusalem?

Think of this: the author of life voluntarily gave himself over to a hideous, shameful death that all of us might be freed from

- The power of sin – 1 Corinthians 15:56; Colossians 2:14
- The guilt of our sin – Isaiah 53:1-12
- The shame of our sin – 1 Peter 2:6
- The curse of the Law – Galatians 3:13
- The power of Satan – Colossians 2:15, and
- The power of death. – Hebrews 2:13b-14; Romans 5:17; Romans 6:23

He did all these things for you – for me – for everyone who gives their life to Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2: 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Today Jesus sits in heaven at the right hand of the Father ruling over the universe and all of the life in it.

But there is more coming – the Day of the Lord – when Jesus shall appear in the heavens as the Commander of the Angel Armies arriving to throw the wicked into Hades and to gather his People to himself as he establishes God Country on earth for a thousand years.

And on that Day, every being – both the living and the dead – both his friends and enemies – both all of the angels and demons – will fall to their knees and give glory to God by shouting the eternal truth: Jesus is Lord!

I ask you:

- Have you given your life absolutely to this Jesus-Who-Is?
- Have you found your purpose in life by loving and serving this Jesus-Who-Is?
- Have you been preaching and sharing with everyone this Jesus-Who-Is?

Then hold on to him tightly. Press deeply into him. Never take your eyes off him. Never look back to what you left behind. Finish what you've begun in the Jesus-Who-Is.

Soon he will appear – he will gather you to himself – he will welcome you into eternity.

And until then, you will overcome the world, your flesh, and the devil by the power of the blood of Christ and your testimony.

Everyone is invited. Everyone is invited without delay. Everyone is invited to forever.

NEXT WEEK: More about the Jesus-Who-Is.

God bless you -



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