

Philippians Bible Study - Lesson 5 - **Philippians 2:5-11**
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1. This section in Philippians is beautiful narratively, and it fits as a key to all that Paul has stated about how Christians are to stand firm as Christ, united in bringing Glory to God.
 - a. Just reading through, what are things that stand out to you?
2. These verses are also called “The Christ Hymn” - it is written in a style of Hebrew poetry called a Chiasm. Using poetry standards, a Chiasm looks like an A - B - A pattern. The outside verses help point towards the middle verse to emphasize it.
 - a. Verse 5 serves as an introduction and gives this hymn its place in the Epistle

Chiasm:

(5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

- A. (6) who though he was in the form of God, did not count **equality with God** a thing to be grasped,
- B. (7) but **made himself nothing**, taking the form of a **servant**, being born in the likeness of men.
- C. (8) And being found in human form, **he humbled himself** by becoming obedient to the point of death,
- D. (8b) even death on a cross.
- C¹ (9) Therefore **God has highly exalted him** and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
- B¹ (10) So that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- A¹ (11) and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

3. Humiliation of Christ and Exaltation of Christ

- a. Christ being God took on the form of a man (
- b. Christ’s perfect obedience led to the exaltation of his flesh/body

4. Why is it important that Jesus became 100% God and 100% man?

- a. Righteousness - Only God is good (John 10:18)
- b. Only God is, or can be, perfectly obedient
- c. And yet! This mind (v. 5) and this very name (9) has been given to you.
 - i. In our humility and reliance on God, He exalts us, because of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

God bless.

-Pastor Brubaker