

Phil 2:8–11**The Humility And The Exaltation Of Christ****Review**

1. Understanding the mind of Christ
2. Appreciating the dual nature of Christ
3. The challenge to follow the example of the Lord Jesus who emptied Himself to become a bondservant

The Humility of Christ

“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” (Phil 2:8)

1. The Lord humbled Himself

a. ἐταπείνωσεν...tapeinoō...to bring low, to depress, to humble

b. The Lord brought Himself low

2. The ways in which Jesus humbled Himself

a. The appearance of a man

i. σχήματι...schema...where you get the English word “scheme”...figure, outward appearance

ii. A synonym with form (morphe)

b. Humility to obey

i. The Lord Jesus humbled Himself to be obedient

ii. γινόμενος...ginomai...become

iii. ὑπήκοος...hupekoos...to listen and submit, to obey

iv. He was humble to listen and to submit

v. The full obedience of the Lord until death

3. The epitome of humility

a. The Lord demonstrated humility through His life and ministry

b. No greater example of humility

The exaltation of Christ

1. God's response to the Lord's humility was to highly exalt Him

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name," (Phil 2:9)

a. διο...δια and hos...through which, wherefore, therefore

b. ὑπερύψωσεν...huperupsoo...huper + hypsoo...elevate to a very high degree, hyper exalting

i. God has already highly exalted the Lord

ii. He has been raised up from death

c. ἐχαρίσατο...charizomai...to grant favour, grace

i. As He is highly exalted, the Lord was given a great name

ii. To be given a name that is higher than all names

2. The purpose of exalting the name of Christ

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth," (Phil 2:10)

a. To worship Him by bowing the knee

i. καμψη...kampto...to bend, bow

ii. The purpose of exalting the name of Christ was so that every knee should bow to Him

b. The confession of the Jesus Christ as Lord

"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:11)

i. ἐξομολογήσεται...exomologeō...acknowledge, confess...aorist middle dep subjunctive

ii. The purpose of exalting the name of Christ is that every tongue will confess

3. The Lordship of Christ

a. Jesus will be acknowledged as Lord

b. There is no greater Lord

4. To the glory of God

a. This was what the Lord Jesus always sought to do...all for the glory of God

b. Ultimately, all was meant for glory of the Father