

Philippians 2:5-11

- 1) Your mindset toward others within the congregation should reflect Christ—2:5-8 ⁵ *Let this way of thinking/attitude be in you¹ which is also in Christ Jesus,* ⁶ who,
 - a) A mindset of not clinging to our privileged position—*did not regard* [aor. mid. ind. of *hegeomai*] *equality with God as something to cling to*, (to selfishly exploit)
 - i) Even though He had every just claim to do so—*although existing* [pres. act. ptc.] *in the form* [*morphe*] *of God*,
 - (1) *Morphe*: that which conforms to reality, the distinctive characteristics
 - (2) Jesus is the visible manifestation of everything that God is in His very essence (John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:15 Hebrews 1:1-3)
 - b) A mindset of a willingness to be treated as less than we really are—⁷ *but divested* [aor. act. ind.] *Himself* (emphatic), (of self-interests)
 - i) How? # 1: *taking* [aor. act. ptc.] *the form* [*morphe*] *of a bonds slave* [*doulos*],
 - (1) *Morphe*: that which conforms to reality, the distinctive characteristics
 - ii) How? # 2: *coming* [aor. mid. ptc.] *to be in the likeness* [*homoioima*] *of men*.
 - (1) Although Jesus looked like other men, He was different in that He did not have a sin nature or sinful flesh.
 - (2) The Greek gods were said to take human form, but not to become slaves.
 - c) A mindset of a willingness to be mistreated and humiliated—*He humbled* [aor. act. ind.] *Himself*
 - i) When? ⁸ *And having been found* [aor. pass. ptc.] *in the form* [*schema*] *as a man*,
 - (1) *Schema* indicates the outward appearance and external bearing of something, everything that strikes the senses.
 - ii) How? *by becoming* [aor. mid. ptc.] *obedient* [*hupekoos*] *to the point of death*,
 - (1) *even death of a cross*. (the most shameful, despised death imaginable)
 - 2) You should consider God's motives for His actions—2:9-11 ⁹ *For this reason God also ...*
 - a) God the Father did what two things? (honoring a crucified bonds slave!)
 - i) *raised Him to the highest degree* [aor. act. ind. of *huperupsoo*]
 - ii) *and graciously gave* [aor. mid. ind. of *charizomai*] *Him the name* (Lord?) *that is above* [*huper*] *every name*,
 - b) Why did God the Father do these things? ¹⁰ *so that* [*hina*] *in* [*en*] (the sphere of, in relationship to) *the name of Jesus ...*
 - i) Immediate purpose (cf. Isaiah 45:23)
 - (1) Express humility and submission toward—*every knee should bow*
 - (a) —*in heaven and on earth and under the earth*—
 - (2) Express public agreement with and loyalty to—¹¹ *and every tongue should openly acknowledge* [*exomologeō*] *that Jesus Christ is Lord* (emphatic),
 - ii) Ultimate purpose
 - (1) *to* [*eis*] *the glory of God the Father*.
 - (2) “Paradoxically, for all that occurs during the exaltation, Jesus neither rivals nor displaces God. Christ's status and authority remain derived: God exalted him, enthroned him, conferred on him [the name that is above every name], and purposed that Jesus would be universally acclaimed. Hence, only God the Father has ultimate authority and sovereignty.” (Hellerman, 124)