

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Philippians 2:6-11 The Gospel!

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- I. Bookends with the Great Reminder In Between.
- Bookend Left (2:5) Have the mind of Christ.
 - The great Gospel reminder in between! (2:6-11)
 - Bookend Right (2:12) Therefore obey . .

II. 4 Great Causes, Many Effects

- Cause (6b) – Christ Jesus did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped.

○Effects: Christ

(7a.) Emptied himself.

(7b) Became a servant/slave.

(7c) Born like a man.

(8a) Looked like a mere man.

- Cause (8b) As a human Christ further humbled himself.
 - Effects: Christ
 - (8c) became obedient to death.
 - (8d) even death on a cross.

- Cause (9a) God exalts Christ.
 - Effects: Christ
 - (9b) Receives name above all names.
 - (10) All knees bow.
 - (11) All tongues confess Jesus is Lord.
- Cause (11b) The Glory of God the Father
 - Effects: All of the above!

III. 2 Great Contrasts

- Verse 2:6 contrasted with 2:7-8.

God becomes servant, crucified man.

- Verse 7-8 contrasted with 9-1.

Crucified man has name above all names and is Lord!

IV. (6-11) Gospel Details and Doctrine.

(6) – “not a thing to be grasped” – Let go of His personal status for the benefit of our rescue.

(7) - 7b – servant – 1. (involuntarily) a slave. A voluntary, fully devoted servant.

7c – identified with men in order to serve them.

8b – obedient to who/what – plan of God, Glory of God

Doctrinal Consideration

(7) – “emptied himself” Always full of deity but emptied of his prerogatives.

(9) - “Therefore, God has highly exalted Him.”

This is not about when God exalted Christ.

He has always been exalted; () this is one of many reasons why.

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

1Peter 1:20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you

(9-11) – The Trinity – Name above names, who we bow to, and who we confess as Lord

Scripture confirms that Jesus and God the Father are equal with equal statements about them both.

9a Ps 148:13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above the earth and heaven.

Isa 45:23 By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

V. (11b) All for the Glory of God the Father.

Atheist quote about crucifixion - Reddit/Athiest What he did wasn't even a sacrifice. If you get betrayed by your best friend, denied by your other best friend, then being beaten, crucified, dying, and then he got to continue being the most powerful being in existence.., that isn't a sacrifice. He literally just had a bad weekend and then became literally God.

Ok, then, do the Jesus thing — go ahead empty yourself - -I mean, anybody can do it, apparently. Just a bad weekend.

Walk in his bad weekend shoes —

- So, you start as God — Very God
- Give that up.
- Enter the world that you created, yet not be recognized as the creator. Not only become unrecognized, but now as creator of this world by looking like, acting like, and suffering alongside of other men.
- Now for 27 years you stay completely quiet about who you are.

- Now in the last week of your life, yes, one follower will betray you, one will deny you, and 9 will desert you.
- Ok were not done yet, now at the end of this week, beginning of the bad weekend as you call it, you are going to be beaten, whipped, mocked, laughed at, jeered at, ridiculed, and deserted by your followers, and crucified.
 - o But you knew it was coming, so not really a big deal.
- So Go ahead. Have your one bad weekend.

- Oh one more thing — realize that after you finish off your 30 years of a misunderstood, rejected life, and a horrible death, that even though you will be resurrected in three days, and you know it, for thousands of years after that, you will still be laughed at, jeered at, made fun of, by many of the very people you came to rescue.
- But go ahead, It's just a bad weekend.

Here's the greater question -

- Wait, if you are God, and you knew it was coming, then why did you bother.
- You don't need this event to add to your resume. —

You're already God, all powerful, all knowing,

- Here's why Jesus did it — 9-11a — by the way — Of that you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart etc.

And finally, we come to the final phrase — 11c.....The opportunity of salvation extended to Mankind brings Glory to God.

Preach Christ Crucified Closing Scripture John 19:16-20:18