

EVERY Knee WILL Bow ~ Philippians 2:1-11

→Scripture Reading Philippians 2:3-8

INTRODUCTION

The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is BEYOND human understanding. M. Luther

Philippians 1:12 (NIV) Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has HAPPENED to me has really served to advance the gospel.

Acts 28:30-31 (NIV) For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹ Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:21 (NIV) For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:23-24 (NIV) I am torn between the two: I desire to DEPART and be with Christ, which is BETTER by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I REMAIN in the body.

Philippians 1:29-30 (NIV) For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to BELIEVE on Him, but also to SUFFER for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now HEAR that I still have.

Do not GIVE IN to Selfish AMBITION ~ Philippians 2:1-4

¹ If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

APPLICATION

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit

The Humble OBEDIENCE of Christ ~ Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Colossians 2:9 (NIV) For in Christ ALL the FULLNESS of the Deity lives in BODILY form...

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Luke 23:46 (NIV) Jesus called out with a loud voice, Father, into Your hands I commit MY spirit. When He had said this, He breathed HIS LAST.

APPLICATION

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He **HUMBLED** Himself...

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was RICH, yet for your sakes He became POOR, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV) To some who were confident of their own righteousness and LOOKED DOWN on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: God, I thank you that I am not like other men - robbers, evildoers, adulterers - or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.

¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, God, have mercy on me, a sinner. ¹⁴ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who EXALTS himself will be HUMBLLED, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

You cannot call attention to yourself - and Exalt and Glorify God at the same time. Benes

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (NLT) ...God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And He chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. ²⁹ As a result, NO ONE can ever boast in the presence of God.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He HUMBLLED Himself and **became OBEDIENT** to death - even death on a cross!

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the **same mindset as Christ Jesus**

Humble Obedience Will Mean...

- THANKFULNESS - a heart filled with gratitude
- DOING what is RIGHT - living in agreement with God's Word
- Seeking God's HELP - we cannot do this alone

The EXALTATION of Jesus Christ ~ Philippians 2:9-11

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 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Isaiah 45:22-23 (NLT) Let all the world look to ME for salvation. For I AM God; there is no other. ²³ I have sworn by MY OWN NAME; I have spoken the truth, and I will never go back on my word: Every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will confess allegiance to me.

TAKE AWAY ??

¹⁰ SO THAT at the name of Jesus **every Knee WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that **every Tongue WILL CONFESS** that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father. (NAS)

John 3:17-18 (NIV) For God did NOT send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever BELIEVES in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.