

THE MIND OF CHRIST

Philippians, #7

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Text: Philippians 2:5–11

Truth Points: What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. Read Philippians 2:5. How does this command connect to verses 1–4 of this chapter? How do those verses add more detail to the command found in verse 5? According to verse 5, who is the ultimate example of this attitude? Why should this motivate a believer?
2. Read Philippians 2:6–8. What stands out to you about Jesus' example of humility? How is Jesus the greatest example but also more than *just* an example?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 and John 17:5, what do these texts tell us about what Jesus gave up when He took on human nature? What does it mean that He "emptied Himself"? What are some errors to avoid?
4. Think through the Gospel accounts of Jesus. What does He experience as a human being that He would never have to experience as Creator God? How do you see Jesus' humility on display in the life He lived on earth? How should this motivate us to live as His followers?
5. Look at verse 8 again. How is Jesus' death on the cross an act of obedience? Why would a cross be the most humiliating way to die? This is the apex of humility (the lowest point), trace the steps Paul has laid out here: How is His attitude in eternity past a humble attitude? How is His incarnation an act of humility? How is His obedience to death an act of humility?
6. Read Philippians 2:9–11. What is the result of Jesus' humility? What will be the response of every single being to the person and work of Jesus? Why are the locations "heaven....earth...under the earth" mentioned? What does this show you about Jesus' lordship? How can this give you confidence amid a wicked generation?

7. Read Isaiah 45:22–23. What does Paul’s allusion to this passage indicate about Jesus? How is the phrase “Jesus Christ is Lord” a shorthand for the Gospel message? What does that phrase communicate? Why is that the message that every person on this planet needs to hear?

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. Do I act with humility, or do I believe that I am above it? Do I readily and joyfully serve those around me (including my church family)? Do I consider others better than myself? Do I look to their interests? Do I see a growing Christ-like humility in my life?
2. Do I truly comprehend the wonder of what Jesus did? Have I become familiar with the idea in a way that has made the incarnation lose its wonder for me? How can I remind myself daily to consider Jesus and His humility?
3. Am I confident that God will achieve the final victory? Do I have the assurance that King Jesus will return to rule and reign? What circumstances, either personal or global, make me fearful? How can I keep the truth of Jesus’ final victory at the front of my mind?

Action Points: What am I going to do this week because of this truth?

1. **Memorize:** Revelation 5:13.
2. **See the Humble Attitude:** Read John 17 and underline every time Jesus makes a statement that indicates a desire for His followers’ good. How many times in this short prayer does Jesus exhibit a humble attitude?
3. **Share the Story:** Share with a friend what you’re learning about Jesus in 2024.