

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

HAVE THIS MIND WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST

Philippians 2:5-11

Philippians 2:6-11 is one of the “great” passages revealing both the deity of Christ and His humanity.

But we must not miss the purpose of these verses: that we should meditate on our Savior and His willingness to leave heavenly glory and privilege, to come to this world to save sinners like us, and seriously consider how His descent from heaven to the cross should shape our outlook.

1. Christ must be your Savior before He can be your Model.

Some would like to have Jesus as Teacher & Example,
and *nothing more* (not crucified Savior).

Why this is an impossible fantasy.

Titus 2:13,14, 1 Peter 2:24

2. The “Mind” of Christ in His *humiliation*. Vv.6-8

This reveals the “mind,” “thinking,” of the Son of God –

that is, what He willingly chose to do & what characterized His outlook in His *incarnation*, life on earth, & death on the cross.

We must ask ourselves:

How must I seek to gain in myself as a governing frame of mind the outlook I see in my Savior?

First, the contrast between

- what He was: in the form of God, equal with God (the Father)
that is, truly & fully God (John 1:1-4, Hebrews 1:1-4, etc.)

- what He became: a human being

The meaning of “emptied”

What the eternal Son gave up

Second, the motion – down, down, down, down, down

- born a human - from Creator to creature

- a servant - from served, to serving others (even as a slave)

- humbled in a life of obedience - from ruling to taking orders

- obedience to the point of death –from LIFE to curse of death

- even death on a cross – a horrid death as a criminal under the judgment of men and God for no wrong ever done by Him.

This is our model now. Mark 10::44,45, John 13:4-20, Romans 8:17,

3. The glory of Christ in His *exaltation*. Vv.9-11

Note the “Therefore” and WHO raised Jesus.

The Father raised His Son as the reward for His perfect obedience.

Jesus is exalted as the Christ (human Messiah) and “named” Lord.

How does this relate to us?

- Bow & confess Him as (your) Lord now (or on Judgment Day).

- Rejoice in hope that His exaltation is the pattern for His people when He comes again – Philippians 3:21Romans 8:17