

JESUS CHRIST: LORD OF ALL

Sunday, January 26, 2020 — Philippians series -- Msg 15 — Pastor Andrew Coleman

Philippians 2:1-11

English Standard Version (ESV)

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so 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.

Be united.
Don't be divided.



Here's how...
Since you have Christ,
think & act like Him.

God exalts the
humble Son to
LORD OF ALL.

BACKGROUND & CONTEXT:

- 1) The Apostle Paul writes from prison in Rome to the church at Philippi.
- 2) He calls them to live as citizens of heaven instead of citizens of any earthly realm.
- 3) He deals with the pain of their persecution and the problem of their disunity.
- 4) Chapter 2:1-11 may be considered the climax of the letter -- IT IS OUR MODEL FOR UNITY!
 - The GOLDEN KEY to Right Relationships: Christ's example, work and power.
 - Vs 5-11 is often called "The Hymn of Christ" -- it has poetic form in Koine Greek.
 - Humility is the key to UNITY.
 - Humility is the key to EXALTATION. (like a master or sub-master key)
Matthew 23:12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6

No other passage
more clearly shows...



the depth of Christ's
CONDESCENSION



the height of Christ's
EXALTATION

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God

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FOUR ASPECTS of the FATHER'S EXALTATION of the SON:

1) The SOURCE: vs 9a

Therefore GOD has highly exalted Him...

- Jesus's resurrection Mark 16:6; Acts 2:32; Romans 1:4
- Jesus's ascension John 20:17; Acts 1:9
- Jesus's coronation Matthew 28:18; 1 Peter 3:22; Acts 7:55-56; Heb. 2:9; 10:12
Eph. 1:21-22; Ps. 2:8; 89:27; 1 Peter 3:22; Jude 25; Rev. 5:11-12
- Jesus High Priest Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25-26; 4:14; 5:1-6; 6:20; 7:21; 8:1-6

2) The TITLE: vs 9b and 11

*and bestowed on him **the name** that is above every name,*

bestowed = generously given name = title

kurios = Lord YHWH = I AM declaring Jesus's deity (is God)

Main emphasis: Jesus is being declared and recognized as Lord of all.

3) The RESPONSE: vs 10-11a

*10 so 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,

Three Groups: (vs 10b)

- **in heaven** -- redeemed believers and holy angels
- **on earth** -- redeemed and unredeemed people
- **under the earth** -- unredeemed dead and fallen angels awaiting judgment

Two Responses of EVERYONE/EVERYTHING:

- bow on knees
- confess as Lord

The Father exalts the Son as LORD of ALL!

4) The PURPOSE: vs 2:11b

to the glory of God the Father.

Within the Trinity there is a constant, mind-boggling

flow of God's glory from/to Father, Son and Spirit. In perfect unison they exalt one another.

See John 13:31-32; 14:13; 17:1, 4-5; Romans 9:5; 11:36; 16:27;

Isaiah 45:22-23

22 "Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.

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.'

APPLICATION:

- 1) Ask yourself: *WHO is the lord of my life? WHO do I exalt as my king? WHO do I serve?*
- 2) If Christ is not Lord of your life, why not?
- 3) We call you to turn to His Lordship and trust in His salvation.

Mark 1:15

Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."