

Philippians

Chapter 2:5-11

I. **Philippians 2:5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

a. Mind- thinking

- i. **Romans 12:1-2**¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- ii. **Ephesians 4:22-24** ²²That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; ²³And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; ²⁴And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

b. Heart and mind often synonymous

- i. **Proverbs 4:23**²³Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.
- ii. **Mark 7:20-23** ²⁰And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²²Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: ²³All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

c. Christ- not our thinking or understanding

II. **Philippians 2:6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

a. Who= Christ from verse 5

b. Form

- i. Form- Greek word *morphe* – Strongs Con.- perhaps from the base of G3313 (through the idea of adjustment of parts); shape; figuratively, nature:—form.
- ii. Used in verses 6 and 7.
- iii. Jesus- walk to Emmaus
 - 1. **Mark 16:12** ¹²After that he appeared in another **form** unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

c. Robbery

- i. **Robbery- Greek word *harpagmos*- Strongs Con.** from G726; plunder (properly concrete):—robbery.
- ii. The G726 Greek word is used when talking about the rapture and Paul being caught up to 3rd Heaven.
 - 1. **I Thessalonians 4:17** ¹⁷Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
 - 2. **II Corinthians 12:2** ²I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
 - 3. **II Corinthians 12:4** ⁴How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.
- iii. **He did not think it was something that He was grabbing that was not rightfully His.**
- iv. **Because He was God...not robbery**
 - 1. **Titus 2:13** ¹³Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

d. Equal with God

- i. **John 1:1** ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- ii. **John 1:10-11**¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.
- iii. **John 1:14**¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- iv. **Colossians 2:9**⁹For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
- v. **Colossians 1:15-17**¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
- vi. **Colossians 1:19**¹⁹For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;
- vii. **John 10:30**³⁰I and *my* Father are one.
- viii. **John 14:9**⁹Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?
- e. Many religions get behind Jesus as a great teacher, but stop short of Him being divine or God.
 - i. Islam recognizes that Jesus was the messiah, born of a virgin, did miracles but reject that He is God.
 - ii. Judaism in certain sects view Jesus as a teacher, but not Messiah because He didn't usher in Kingdom and bring peace.
 - iii. Buddhism – He is a bodhisattva. Dalai Lama said Jesus was a great teacher.
 - iv. Sikhism sees Jesus as a saintly figure.
 - v. Bahai manifestation of God.
 - vi. Mormons believe Jesus is the literal first born spirit child of God.

III. **Philippians 2:7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

a. Emptied himself

i. Kenosis theory – states that in the incarnation, the divine Son voluntarily emptied himself of certain divine attributes (e.g., omnipotence, omniscience) or their independent use, to fully live as a human—while remaining fully God

b. In the Patriarchal period God would leave the Heavens and appear in form temporarily

i. **Genesis 18:1-2** ¹And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; ²And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

ii. **Genesis 18:3-4** ³And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: ⁴Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the

iii. **Genesis 18:8** ⁸And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

1. All 3 ate apparently...Lord, angels

2. Jacob wrestled God.

IV. Servant

a. Bond servant

i. **Mark 10:45** ⁴⁵For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

ii. **Luke 22:24-27** ²⁴And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. ²⁵And he said unto them, The kings of the

Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. ²⁶But ye *shall not be* so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. ²⁷For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? *is* not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

- iii. **John 13:3-5**³Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; ⁴He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girde
- iv. **II Corinthians 8:9** ²For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

b. Likeness of men

- i. **Hebrews 4:15** ¹⁵For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

V. **Philippians 2:8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

a. Humbled himself

- i. **Isaiah 53:2**²For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.
- ii. **Isaiah 52:14** ¹⁴As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

- iii. **Isaiah 9:6**⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- iv. **Galatians 4:4**⁴But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

- 1. Joseph and Mary were next to poverty

b. Obedient

- i. **Matt 26:42**⁴²He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.
- ii. **John 4:34**³⁴Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
- iii. **Acts 2:22-23**²²Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
- iv. **II Corinthians 5:21**²¹For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

c. Cross

- i. Nero at one time had 2000 crucified and placed on each side of the Roman roads so he could ride up and down and gloat at their suffering.
- ii. **Hebrews 12:2**²Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- iii. **Deuteronomy 21:23**²³His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him

that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

VI. **Philippians 2:9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

i. **Matthew 23:12** ¹²And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

1. James 4:6,10

ii. **I Timothy 3:16** ¹⁶And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

b. Name with authority and character

i. **I Timothy 2:5** ⁵For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

ii. **John 17:5** ⁵And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

iii. **Ephesians 1:20-21** ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

iv. **Hebrews 1:4-6** ⁴Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. ⁵For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? ⁶And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

1. 2:11- Lord

VII. **Philippians 2:10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

a. 3 spheres

i. **Romans 10:6-7** ⁶But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) ⁷Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

ii. **Ephesians 4:8-10** ⁸Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ⁹(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

1. **Even angelic**

2. **Hebrews 1:6** ⁶And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

iii. **Revelation 5:13** ¹³And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

b. Bowing even in judgment

i. **Romans 2:16** ¹⁶In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

VIII. **Philippians 2:11** And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

a. **Jesus= Jehovah saves**

b. **Christ= Messiah anointed**

c. **Lord= Kurios= master**

- i. **Acts 4:10-12** ¹⁰Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole. ¹¹This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. ¹²Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved
- d. **Revelation 20:11-13** ¹¹And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.