

The Mind of Christ

Phil. 2:5-13

Philippians 2:1-4 NASB

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:5 NASB

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also in Christ Jesus,

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- His Humiliation (Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:7-9; Luke 2:51; John 19:1-16)
- His Exaltation (Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 12:1-4; 1 Pet. 1:8; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 2 Tim. 2:10)

Philippians 2:6 NASB

who, although He existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God a thing to
be grasped,

Hebrews 1:1-3 NASB

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. 3 And **He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature**, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Genesis 1:26-27 NASB

Then God said, "**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 **God created man in His own image,** in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

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Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Hebrews 5:7-9 NASB

In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. 8 **Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.** 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

Submission

Us

- We submit to our equals

Jesus

- He submitted to His dependents (Luke 2:51)

Luke 2:51 NASB

And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Submission

Us

- We submit to our equals
- We submit to a perfect and all-powerful Lord

Jesus

- He submitted to His dependents (Luke 2:51)
- He submitted to cruel and weak oppressors (John 19:1-16)

John 19:1-16 NASB

Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; 3 and they began to come up to Him and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him slaps in the face. 4 Pilate came out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him."

John 19:1-16 NASB

5 Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate *said to them, "Behold, the Man!" 6 So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God." 8 Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid;

John 19:1-16 NASB

9 and he entered into the Praetorium again and *said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So Pilate *said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." 12 As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar."

John 19:1-16 NASB

13 Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he *said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!" 15 So they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate *said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." 16 So he then handed Him over to them to be crucified.

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Philippians 2:9-11 NASB

9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 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.

Hebrews 12:1-4 NASB

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.** **3** For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. **4** You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

1 Peter 1:8 NASB

and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and **though you do not see Him now**, but believe in Him, **you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory**,

2 Corinthians 3:18 NASB

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Romans 8:18 NASB

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NASB

16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 **For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,** 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Timothy 2:10 NASB

For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

Submission and Humiliation

Jesus

- His submission to us as humanity required a lowering of Himself that was beyond measure

Us

- Our submission to Jesus
 - Requires a very slight lowering of ourselves
 - Will happen one way or another sooner or later
- Our submission to others for Jesus' sake requires a very slight lowering of ourselves

Humiliation Leads to Exaltation

Jesus

- His humiliation resulted in an exaltation that brought him rank, status, glory and privilege which was slightly greater than He had before

Us

- Our humiliation results in an exaltation above our previous status which is beyond measure both here and especially in eternity

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12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.