ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live

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Lesson Title: Jesus Humility and Exaltation

Lesson Text: Philippians 2: 5-11

Suggested Reading Philippians Ch. 1 & 2

Devotional Reading James 3:13-18

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INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul's appeal to the Church at Philippi provided encouragement, divine instruction and presented a perfect example of humility to follow displayed by Jesus Christ who was crucified by men, yet exalted as Lord above all the earth by God Our Father.

LESSON OUTLINES

- 1. Paul's Instruction (Philippians 2: 1-5)
- 2. Jesus' Humility & Obedience (Philippians 2:6-9)
- 3. Jesus Exalted Above All (Philippians 2:9-11)

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

- ANALYZE Paul's description of God's exaltation of Jesus based on sacrifice and selflessness not power;
- 2. VALUE selfless behavior, not power;
- 3. ADOPT Christ-like humility as our lifestyle.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

- 1. What is humility?
- 2. Why is humility important for believers?
- 3. What are some of the benefits from having the humility of Jesus Christ?

PHILIPPIANS 2:1 NASB

Be like Christ

1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion

PHILIPPIANS 2:2-3 NASB

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 consider one another as more important than yourselves;

PHILIPPIANS 2:4-6 NASB

⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-6 NASB

- ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
 - ⁶ who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8 NASB

⁷ but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:9 NASB

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

PHILIPPIANS 2:10 NASB

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,

PHILIPPIANS 2:11 NASB

11 and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father.



Key Points to Remember

- 1. THE APOSTLE PAUL'S CONSTANT EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW WAS JESUS!
- 2. JESUS AS HUMAN, YET IN THE FORM OF GOD DID NOT SEEK RECOGNITION.
- 3. JESUS' OBEDIENCE TO GODS WILL WAS REWARDED BY GOD WITH EXALTATION ABOVE THE EARTH.

LIFE APPLICATION

What assets, gifts, or talents do you already possess that can be polished and enhanced to make you of greater benefit to the work of God's kingdom? Ask yourself whether you are willing to be used in this manner. If so, what steps must you take to get to that point?

LIFE APPLICATION &

Are you willing to, as Paul did, offer yourself as a sacrifice for the benefit of others and those who have yet to come to know Christ? Glorifying yourself in every breath, action & accomplishment will build your EGO, causing the flesh to lose focus of Jesus Christ. REMEMBER JESUS IS LOVE.

BIBLICAL RESOURCES

NASB NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE
BIBLEREF.COM, BIBLESTUDYTOOLS.COM,
GOTQUESTIONS.ORG, NEW INTERPRETERS' BIBLE
PRECEPTS FOR LIVING DIGITAL. RETHINKNOW.ORG
UNGERS BIBLE DICTIONARY.

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JAMES 3:13

13. Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.