

## **Joy in Submission: Philippians 2:5-11**

### **The Joy in the Midst of Service 1:3-30**

- I. Joy in Prayer 1:1-11
  - The Praise for Men :3-8
  - The Petition for Men :9-11
- II. Joy in Prison 1:12-30
  - The Declaration of the Gospel 1:12-14
  - The Discord Among the Preachers of the Gospel :15-18
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### **The Joy in Submission 2:1-30**

- III. Joy in Submission 2:1-30
  - The Exhortation to Submission 2:1-4
    1. The Reason for the Appeal 2:1
      - If any- Encouragement in Christ
      - If any- Consolation of love
      - If any- Fellowship of the Spirit
      - If any- Affection and Compassion
    2. The Request of the Appeal 2:2-4
      - Unity :2
        - One mind & one spirit comes by one love
      - Humility :3
        - Self interest or Other interest? What is our mindset?
      - Courtesy :4
        - If we have *unity* and *humility* it is evidenced by *courtesy* to others

**A mature Christian and a mature Church is manifested by this attitude and action.  
Paul now gives the supreme example of this attitude and action.**

#### **Two ways of dividing the section:**

- 2 Sections    The Example :5-8 and The Exaltation :9-11  
3 Stanzas-    1. The Pre Earthly Existence of Christ :5-6  
                  2. The Earthly Existence of Christ 7-8  
                  3. The Post Earthly Existence of Christ 9-11

#### Option 1

- A The Example of Submission 2:5-8
  1. The Person of Christ- Who Christ Is :5-6
    - “Morpheme” of God Heb 1:1-4, G. John 1:1, Col. 1:15-20, Titus 2:13
    - Did not grasp- exploit power-He was selfless
  2. The Person of Christ- Who Christ Became :7-8
    - Emptied self- kenosis- (But He took on humanity) Two natures in one
    - self. Hypostatic union (2 natures 1 person) (Not 2 persons or 1 mixed nature or not actually true man or God but a “third other”)

B The Exaltation of Christ :9-11

Option 2

A. The Pre Earthly Existence of Christ :5-6

JC existed in form of God "existed"= had possession

" Form" =Outward shape appearance Mk 16:12 "appeared"

Jo. 17: 5 JC had the Father's glory

JC was God Jo. 1:1, Col 1:15, 19, 2:9, Heb 1

" equality "isa" with God = JC was same essence in ontology Jo 5:18

" To be Grasp- Exploited? "harpagmon" - harpazo snatched- rapture

JC did not see being God a thing to be exploited.

Not taking advantage of position

Adam tried to take or snatch divine authority in garden "Be like God"

Christ the second Adam who was God did not need to exploit or snatch

JC didn't see being God an excuse to not suffer and die but a preparation for glory

B. The Earthly Existence of Christ :7-8

Emptied =Kenosis- It doesn't say he emptied anything but added  
( Perhaps emptied divine power, prerogatives or privilege)

"Form of Slave"= Doulos= lowest slave -no rights

The Logos who is Theos became Dulos

" Appearance or Likeness of man"= Similar but not exact. Allows for  
difference. JC was sinless human with divine nature and  
human nature I Tim 2:5 "One mediator the man Christ Jesus"

"Obedient" = First Adam used freedom to disobey. Second Adam used  
freedom to obey

" Death on Cross" Not annihilation but separation from the Father

The descent of JC is total. Leaves the heights of heaven to the  
depths of hell.....WHY WOULD HE DO THIS???

C. The Post Earthly Existence of Christ :9-11

1. Christ's Privileged Position and Prestige

JC exalted over all. All BOW and All CONFESS= Agree with God  
Isa 45:22-25 tongue confess (Part for the whole- synecdoche)

2. Man's Proclamation

JC is LORD Kurios. Caesar called Kaiser Kurios= Cesar is Lord

The one who was completely obedient- now everyone must obey Him

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OT Yahweh= Adonai. In Gk = Kurios= JC is Lord-God- Yahweh  
The Doulos is now the Kurios and is Theos

3. God's Possession of Glory :11b  
How does God get glory from JC being called Lord???

JC did not consider or take advantage of being God:6  
JC became a servant to die on a cross

WHY did he?. Because we need it? Yes, but it doesn't say so  
Because we are worth it? It doesn't say so  
The issue is not man's need or man's worth.

Imagine that Jesus is in Heaven conversing or reflecting with Himself...  
He asks " what does it mean that I'm equal with the Father?  
His Answer- It does not mean that I can have power and show off and exploit it for myself, but it is to use my selfhood through servant-hood.(Unlike the pantheons)  
JC doesn't lay off 'Godness,' He adds humanity that He may manifest Servant hood  
He accepted the powerlessness and humility of death on the cross.  
Being God is giving not getting. It means a table and towel, and cross then a crown.

God is glorified by JC as the son expresses 'Godness' as a Servant  
The Kurios as Theos is Doulos. Jo. 13:1-5, 31-32  
JC is glorified by being a servant now and later by the power of the resurrection  
Rom 1:1-4

Paul desires the Philippians and us to understand that our Lord desires us to live as servants toward others. The greatest are the servants of all. It seems strange that many of those who serve as the leaders- (ministers=servants) of the church actually do less ministry outside of the "job" than normal believers. In fact many do less of a job as part of the job. Hypocrisy will one day be revealed. (Phil. 1:15-16) Paul desires us to live as servants for others and for the King.

How do we serve the Lord and glorify the Lord through serving others?