

Philippians 2026 Series -Lesson 15
“The Result of Developing a Christlike Mind”
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Text: Philippians 2:9-11 says:

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- 10 *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;*
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Introduction:

In our studies from the Book of Philippians we have been instructed to develop the mind of Christ. The expanded translation we developed from the Greek text of chapter 2:5-8 says,

5. *“This mindset keep on allowing in you which also (was) in Christ Jesus* 6. *who, having existed in the past and always continuing to exist with the essence of God, considered it not an illegitimate acquisition to be clung to - this equality with God... 7. deprived Himself of His proper function as God and took on Him the nature or essence of a slave, and became like men... 8. and being discovered in the entire outward perceptible mode and shape of His existence as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming something He had not previously been - obedient, even unto death, even the death of the cross.”*

Now, beginning at verse nine, we will examine *“The Result of Developing A Christ-Like Mind.”* The Result of Christ, in His attitude of self-sacrificial love, was that He, by depriving Himself of His natural function of God, and taking upon Himself the likeness of man and the function of a slave, could become the means of our redemption.

Our Expanded Translation of Philippians 2:8 said,

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The result of Christ's action is seen in our text in Philippians 2:9-11:

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The purpose for Believers having that mind is stated in Philippians 2:12-16:

- 12 *"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*
- 13 *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [His] good pleasure.*
- 14 *Do all things without murmurings and disputings:*
- 15 *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*
- 16 *Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."*

We will study these in order to better understand our purpose. We will begin with the results of Christ's action.

I. The First Result of His Humbling Himself and Dying for Us Is He Was Exalted. (Verse 9a)

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him,"

"highly exalted" (huper-ups-oh-sen) = **to elevate high above others**

Verb - expresses action

Indicative Mood - mood of reality

Aorist Tense - Point of time divorced from time and perpetuated

Active Voice - subject (God) did the elevating

This is documented in Hebrews 1:1-14

1 *"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of [His] glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on*

high; 4 *Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.* 5 *For 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?'* 6 *And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, 'And let all the angels of God worship him.'* 7 *And of the angels He saith, 'Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.'* 8 *But unto the Son [He saith], 'Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness [is] the sceptre of Thy kingdom.'* 9 *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.* 10 *And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands:* 11 *They shall perish; but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;* 12 *And as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.'* 13 *But to which of the angels said He at any time, 'Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?'* 14 *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"*

A. The Exaltation Of Jesus Assures His Victory Over Satan:

"But to which of the angels said He at any time, 'Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?'" (Hebrews 1:13)

His is the victory - the seed of the woman has been elevated to a position over Satan. *"Making His enemies His footstool"* is an idiom for conquering them and making a show of them based on the Roman Triumvirate where the captives were each paired to a soldier and led to execution. When the Body of Christ (the Church) is made complete (apparently by the number of Church Age Believers being equal to the number of fallen angels) Christ will return and "Operation Footstool" will be performed.

B. The Exaltation of Jesus Is the Basis for Our Hope:

Man was without hope and doomed to an eternity without God - but Jesus came and redeemed us from our sins, conquered death and the grave, and ascended to Heaven to be elevated to a position as our mediator - His exaltation is the basis for our hope. He is coming again in victory.

II. The Second Result is the Authority of His Name: (Verse 9b-11)

9b. *"and given Him a name which is above every name:*

10. *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;*

- 11 *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

A. It Is A Name Superior To All Names:

“...and given him a name which is above every name:”

The name of Jesus (Iaesou) = Jehovah is salvation. His name is Jesus! His title is Lord Christ. JESUS - this is the name used in the gospels. The term “Jesus Christ” occurs only in Matthew 1:1, 18, and 16:20. Mark uses the term only once in Mark 1:1. Luke uses only the name “Jesus.” John uses the term “Jesus Christ” only in 1:17 and 17:3. The name JESUS is found frequently in the book of Acts but the normal usage is “Lord Jesus.” In the epistles of James, Peter, John, and Jude the personal name “Jesus” is not one time used alone. In the book of Hebrews, the name “Jesus” is used eight times alone. In Paul’s epistles the name “Jesus” only appears alone thirteen times. In the book of Revelation the name “Jesus” is used alone eight times.

In the epistles of James, Peter, John and Jude, “Christ Jesus” is the normal usage. The term “Lord Jesus Christ” is His full title. LORD refers to His deity; JESUS to His humanity; and, CHRIST to His role as Saviour. The use of each of these words is significant to their meaning and identifies the emphasis in the text. The order of the words also identify the stress - the word used first, being in the emphatic position, places the desired emphasis by the writer.

What about the name Immanuel as Per Matthew 1:21-23

21 *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.*

22 *Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,*

23 *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”*

This passage indicates that the instruction to *“...call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins....”* was done to fulfill what the prophet (Isaiah 7:14) had said, *“...Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”*

The Question is, how does the statement of Matthew 1:21, *“...call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins....”*, fulfill a prophecy that says, *“..., and they shall call His name Emmanuel,...”* ??? According to Hebrew usage the name Emmanuel does not represent a title, but a characterization. The use of the word shows that He really was, God with us. This conflict then is cleared up when we harmonize the last statement

of Matthew 1:21 with Matthew 1:21-22, “...for He shall save His people from their sins....” You, see? Jesus was God living with us - that’s the only way He could *save His people from their sins.*

B. It Is A Name Before Which All Should Bow. (verse 10)

“That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;”

(1). Notice it is at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.

“...That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow....”

“should bow” (kamp-sae) = **should bend**

Verb - expresses action

Subjunctive Mood - potential (up to individual)

Aorist Tense - in a point of time perpetuated forever

Active Voice - subject to perform the action

We need to harmonize this with Romans 14:11

“For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

Yes! Every knee **SHOULD**, of one’s own free will, bow to Him, because one day every knee **SHALL** bow to Him. We may bow the knee for salvation now or bow the knee in forced surrender later.

(2). Notice the inclusiveness of those who bow before Him:

“of things in heaven,”

All creatures of Heaven should bow the knee

“and [things] in earth,”

All creatures in the earth should bow the knee

“and [things] under the earth;”

All creatures in Sheol, Hades, and Tartarus.

We need to harmonize this with Colossians 1:20

“And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”

Notice, it is too late for those who are “under the earth” to be reconciled now. But, there is still time for those on the earth to be reconciled to those in Heaven. The choice is ours.

C. Every Tongue Should Confess That Jesus Christ Is Lord:

“And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,” (verse 11a)

(1). Notice that confession is potential *“...should...”*

“...confess....” (ex-o-mo-lo-gae-sae-tai) = **ACKNOWLEDGE**

Verb - expresses action

Subjunctive Mood - potential

Aorist Tense - a point of time perpetuated forever

Active Voice - subject produces the action

This is an intensive form of the word acknowledge

Without God becoming flesh and living among us, there could be no potential for eternal life. But, through JESUS we now have the potential for eternal life.

(2). The Confession required is, *“...that Jesus Christ is Lord...”*

Thus, we must acknowledge that Jesus (humanity) Christ (Saviour) is Lord (deity).

D. This Results In Our Entering The Glory of God The Father: (Verse 11b)

“...to the glory of God the Father....”

We must observe that the emphasis here is not that God the Father is glorified by our salvation, but that we enter into the Glory of the Father

“...to....” (eis) **into**

Preposition - helps define the function of the noun (into)

This preposition shows movement into ----> We enter into the glory of the Father.

“...Glory....” (doxan) = **honor or esteem resulting from a good opinion based on character..**

Noun- Thing

Accusative Case - establishes limits and boundaries

Feminine Gender - a response to our bowing the knee

Singular- only one position - in Him

The focus of this word **“glory”** is character. When we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord we are entered into union with Christ. As a result of that union His Righteousness is credited to our account before God, and all our sins, past, present, and future are charged to

Him. The character of God the Father is credited to our account and we are blessed with all the spiritual blessings of the heavenlies. These are briefly stated in one sentence in Ephesians 1:3-4.

Ephesians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Conclusion:

Thus the result of Christ having the mind we are instructed to have, is that He in His humanity, became the means of our salvation and was exalted above every name, and the means by which we, as the body of Christ, have the potential to properly represent God as sojourners and ambassadors in a world gone bad.

Our developing the mind of Christ gives us the potential for entering into a position of honor and esteem based on the character of the Father. See? This entrance is called grace and is available to those who bow the knee willingly-God's Righteousness At Christ's Expense. The purpose of our developing the Mind of Christ is that we might properly represent Christ both to will and to do His good pleasure. This Proper Representation of God as sons of God *"...in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation..."* is accomplished to the degree we develop the mind of Christ. We will look at our purpose next time in Philippians 2:12-14 and be challenged to *"Workout your own salvation with fear and trembling."*

If Salvation is “...by grace through faith and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast...” as stated in Ephesians 2:8, what does it mean in Philippians 2:12 when it says “...workout your own salvation with fear and trembling...?”

That is the focus of our study next time as we examine the purpose of developing the mindset of Christ. Ah, Job security comes with questions yet to be answered....

But It All Begins at Salvation

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God...

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life...

With the heart man believes unto righteousness...

But with the mouth confession is made unto salvation...

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!

“And your joy no man taketh from you...”

(Luke 16:22)