
A CHRIST LIKE MIND

Yesterday we looked at the Mind of Christ, the thought process in which He operated from and how we should have that same thought process. Today we are going to see the results of Christ's thought process and actions. Our verses for today are Philippians 2:9-11.

“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Let's start in verse nine which begins with, “for this reason also.” Which reason is Paul referring to? **Read verses seven and eight.** Christ humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross and He did so through His own choice by following God's will. This is the reason!

There are two results of Christ humbling Himself (Continuing in Verse 9):

1) GOD HIGHLY EXALTED HIM – He elevated Christ to a position that was high above others, above humanity and above angels, including Satan. **Read I Timothy 2:5-6, Hebrews 1:1-14, 2:7-9, 12:2.** We can have confidence and hope because we know that Jesus Christ has claimed victory over Satan, conquered death and the grave and ascended to heaven to be our mediator as He sits at the right of the Father.

2) GOD GAVE POWER TO HIS NAME – Verses 9b-11

a) His name is above every other name! The Bible references the names, Jesus, Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus and Lord Jesus Christ. When the word 'Lord' is used, Jesus' deity is being

referred to. When the word 'Jesus' is used, His humanity is being referred to and when the word 'Christ' is used, His role as savior is being referred to.

Jesus is also called 'Immanuel' meaning God with us. See Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:21-23

b) At His name, every knee should bow. Who will bow? The verse tells us that everyone in heaven, on earth and under the earth will bow. I'm thankful that I have chosen to bow at the name of Christ on my own free will. There will be a time that even those who didn't choose to bow will be forced to do so. See Romans 14:11 (quote from Isaiah 45:22-25)

c) Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. All of mankind should acknowledge Jesus in His humanity, His deity and His role as savior. This will all happen as the end of verse eleven says "to the glory of God the Father."

Even though today's study is short, it certainly is sweet!

Have you acknowledged the name of Jesus Christ? Have you confessed His humanity, His deity and His role as Savior? Is He a daily part of your life? Write your testimony here.

REVIEW

~ Christ humbled Himself to the point of death, death on a cross! Philippians 2:8

~ God exalted Christ highly and above all others. 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Hebrews 1:1-14, 2:7-9, 12:2.

~ God gave power to Jesus' Name. His name is above all other names. At His name every knee should bow. Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Philippians 2:9b-11, Isaiah 7:14, 45:22-25, Matthew 1:21-23, Romans 14:11