

“The Way Up is Down”

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Philippians 2:5-11

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Introduction:

- A. “_____” is the direction everyone wants to go.
- B. Jesus said, “He who _____ himself will be _____.” (Luke 4:11)
- C. Today’s passage from Philippians contains some of the greatest and most moving words about _____.
- D. Paul shared these words about _____ to help the Philippians with their _____ in the church.

I. The Position Jesus _____ (2:5-6)

- A. The passage clearly states that Jesus was _____ and _____ with God.
- B. The phrase “being in very nature” or “form” means that whatever it takes to make God God, Jesus possessed that same _____.
- C. Jesus was truly equal with God, which makes the next statement all the more remarkable - Jesus was willing to _____ of his position.

II. The Position Jesus _____ (2:7-8)

- A. Theologians call this the _____ - God coming to earth in human flesh.
- B. Five phrases tell us what Jesus did.
 - 1. He made himself _____ or he _____ himself.
 - 2. He took the nature of a _____.
 - 3. He was made in _____ likeness.
 - 4. He was found in _____ as a man.
 - 5. He allowed himself to be _____.
 - a. Death on the cross involved not only intense _____, but intense _____.
 - b. We have _____ and _____ the cross.
- C. Jesus served us by taking our _____ and receiving our _____.

III. The Position Jesus _____ (2:9-11)

- A. Jesus’ exaltation included sovereign _____ over all creatures.
- B. Every person and every creature will _____ to Jesus and confess that He is _____.
- C. The whole purpose of Jesus’ crucifixion, resurrection and exaltation is to bring _____ to _____.

Conclusion:

- A. What we learn from Jesus is to have the right attitudes toward _____ and toward the _____ of _____.
- B. We learn that the path to reward and glory is the way of _____ and _____. (Mark 10:42-45; John 12:24-26)
- C. Being a humble servant like Jesus was a humble servant is the only way to _____ and _____. (1 Peter 5:5)
- D. A story from Tom Brokaw.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Up. B. humbles, exalted. C. Jesus. D. Jesus, problems. I. Held. I.A. co-equal, co-eternal. I.B. essence. I.C. let, go. II. Took. II.A. Incarnation. II.B.1. nothing, emptied. II.B.2. servant. II.B.3. human. II.B.4. appearance. II.B.5. crucified. II.B.5.a. suffering, shame. II.B.5.b. sanitized, domesticated. II.C. place, punishment. III. Received. III.A. authority. III.B. bow, down, Lord. III.C. glory, God. Concl.A. God, needs, others. B. humility, self-sacrifice. C. greatness, blessing.