

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CAROL  
PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11 / DEC. 24, 2017 / AM**

**I. WHAT DID JESUS DO IN THE FIRST STANZA OF THIS CHRISTMAS CAROL?**

A. First, Jesus took a step of humility. How?

1. One, Jesus let go of his divinity—2:6-7a and 2 Cor. 8:9

**Philippians 2:6-7a**

**6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage. 7a rather, he made himself nothing....**

2. Two, Jesus also took on the form of a servant—2:7b.

**Philippians 2:7b**

**....by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.**

B. Second, after Jesus took a step of humility he also took a step of obedience—2:8.

**II. WHAT DID GOD DO IN THE SECOND STANZA OF THIS CHRISTMAS CAROL?**

A. First, God exalted Christ—2:9a and John 17:5

**Philippians 2:9**

**Therefore God exalted him to the highest place...**

B. Second, God gave Christ a new name—9b and Rev. 19:16.

**Philippians 2:9b**

**.....and gave him the name that is above every name.**

1. When God's Son was born he was given two names—Jesus (salvation) and Immanuel (God with us).
2. What was the reaction Jesus' new name received—Phil. 2:10-11.