

Epic Christmas: God's Epic Provision Once For All (Phil2:6-11)

1. God's Provision Once for All – the angels spoke of a Savior; how will He save/rescue us?

A. God provides a Sacrifice/payment for our sins – **1Jn2:2**

B. Christ's _____ – the Incarnation (**vs.6-8**)

1. He existed in the form of God: Gk. morphe, full expression, full essence and character
***Jn1:1,14; 8:58; Col1:15-17; Col2:9**

2. Did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped: Gk. exactly equal; and cling, held onto

3. but emptied Himself: He set aside, refused to cling to – all rights, glory, worship, riches, privileges, **BUT NOT** His deity because that is His very being

4. taking the form of a bond-servant: a bond-slave in essence; submitting fully to Father's will to serve mankind by dying on a cross; **the Almighty who owns all things**; had to borrow –donkey...

5. being made in the likeness of men: poor, got hungry, tired, pain, grief, sorrow, tears; still God!

6. being found in appearance as a man: God, yet seen and treated as just a man – **Is53:2-3**
***betrayed, slandered, blasphemed, hated, crucified**

7. He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death, even on a cross: humiliation of cross!
***beaten, spit on, beard pulled out; stripped naked, slandered, mocked, hung on cross**

C. Christ's _____ as payment (vs.8) ***2Cor5:21; Gal3:13** – became sin for us, bore our sins on His body; took all curses of God on Himself; forsaken by Father; crushed and bore literal eternity of hell; full wrath

D. Christ's _____ over all – He is only Savior; the only way; He is Lord! (vs.9-11) ***Col2:13-15**
***He rose from the dead; victorious over sin, death, Satan, all forces of wickedness**

E. Christ's _____ once for all (to those who will repent and believe)

1. Christ paid for our sins, once for all! (**Heb9:20-28**)

2. God will accept NO sacrifice from mankind, nor religions – ever! (**Heb10:1-8; Is1:10-15**)

3. There is only 1 way our sins can be paid for to make us right with God! ***John14:6**

2. What Does This Mean for My Life?

A. Has Christ _____ for your sins and made you right with God?! ***repentance and trust = Phil3:7-8**

B. Have this _____ which was in Christ Jesus (**vs.5**; direct context)

1. Our obedience to God unto death on a cross (**Lk14:26-27**) ***ex.** Isaiah and his ministry

2. We all humble ourselves and submit to God's will and plan; unity of church! (**see Phil2:1-5**)
***We like Christ, set aside our rights, privileges, goals, dreams for God's will!**

3. Love one another, sacrifice for each other in the church, putting others first (**Phil2:1-5**)
***Husbands and wives love each other! *Eph5; Song of Sol.8:6-7**

C. Make Christ your _____ pursuit! (**Phil3:7-14**)

1. This ONE THING I DO (**vs.14**) ***Can't strain forward if _____ behind you!**

2. Consider Olympic athlete/coach – prize of gold medal, then plan to obtain it

3. practical ways: Bible reading, study and memory; up your giving and your service in Church; be devoted to prayer and missions; excel in loving one another (**1Thess4:9-10; 2Thess1:3-4**)