

Lesson 5, PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Paul is exhorting his flock in Philippi to change. Being a Christian means we are no longer part of our old selves but are “new creations” in Jesus Christ. The world should see in our lives and attitudes a reflection of Jesus. To achieve that, Paul gives us these amazing verses to show how Jesus, at his incarnation some 2000 years ago, emptied himself of the glory he had formerly shared with His Father.

Read Philippians 2:5-11

1. Read John 1:1-3 and John 17:5,24. What do these verses say about the existence of Jesus?
2. Read Matthew 20:25-28 and John 12:26. How do these verses apply to the life of Jesus and your life?
3. Read verse 8. Humility and obedience seem to go hand in hand. See 1 Peter 5:5-11 and Zephaniah 2:3. How do we keep ourselves in an attitude of humility? See Psalm 51:10-12. How are we able to obey the Lord’s commands? See John 15:9-10.
4. Read Hebrews 12:1,2. How do these verses help in our quest to be obedient and humble?
5. Focus on Philippians 2:9-11. Compare this to Daniel 7:13-14 and Matthew 24:30-31.
6. Jesus came to earth the first time to serve, but at his second coming that will not be the case. Read Revelation 19:11-16 and compare it to our Philippian verses.

Application: Love, obedience and humility seem to be the foundations of a life of faith. Think of those people in your sphere of life that exhibit one or more of these attributes and are witnesses for Jesus in their lives.

Prayer: Merciful Father, we ask that our love for you so permeate our hearts that we willingly and joyfully walk in obedience to your will. Give us hearts with an attitude of humility to think of the interests of others and not ourselves so that we reflect your Son Jesus. Thank you Father for your Son, and we praise Jesus who willingly took off his royal robes of glory to descend to earth that we might have a life of joy and an eternal home with You. Amen.

