

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Christ's Exaltation – Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of Reader's Digest story
2. Jesus Was Exalted
3. We Must Bend the Knee
4. Conclusion – we must prize the exalted Christ and delight in Him over everything else

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Matthew 1:21 - She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.
- Isaiah 45:22-25 - Turn to me and be saved...For I am God, and there is no other...To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance. Only in the Lord, is shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength...
- Acts 2:36 - Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.
- Romans 10:9 - Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- Romans 8:34 - Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
- Ephesians 2:6 – and raised us up with him [Christ] and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- What was so significant about the humiliation of Jesus Christ as seen in Philippians 2:5-8?
- How does the humiliation of Christ connect to His exaltation?
- Why is it so critical for us to realize that the Father exalted Jesus?
- What is the name bestowed upon Jesus?
- What is the significance of that name being given to Him after His humiliation?
- In what ways does the statement at the end of verse 11 “to the glory of God the Father” help us understand how the Father and Son are equal?
- Since Jesus Christ is the exalted King and Lord, how should we approach Him?
- How does the exaltation of Christ impact our view of worship both at church and in our everyday lives?
- What does it look like, practically speaking, to bend the knee to Jesus?
- How does our heart posture impact what it means to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord?
- How is the exalted Christ the best friend in high places?
- What comfort can you find knowing that the exalted Christ is praying for you?
- How's does Christ's path of humiliation to exaltation help us understand what our life should look like as followers of Him?
- In what ways can you grow in living with the hope of exaltation with Christ in the next life?
- How does this passage and sermon grow your view of Jesus?
- How does this passage and sermon help you love Jesus more and commit to following Him more closely?
- How does this passage and sermon challenge you to live differently in light of who Jesus is and what He has done?