

Jesus, A Chosen Vessel of Grace

(Text) *Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (V.6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

Illustration:

“The most perfect way of seeking God, and the most suitable order, is not for us to attempt with bold curiosity to penetrate to the investigation of His essence, which we ought more to adore than meticulously to search out, but for us to contemplate Him in His works, whereby he renders Himself near and familiar to us, and in some manner communicates Himself.”

- John Calvin

“We discover Him as we admire His mastery in us, as a vessel which He has fashioned.”

I. Jesus became a vessel that resembled any other vessel.

Philippians 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

“Christ became one of us to redeem all of us.”

- Max Lucado

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

II. Jesus became a vessel that redeemed all other vessels.

Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (V.5) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

“When you are full of yourself, God can't fill you, but when you empty yourself, God has a useful vessel.”

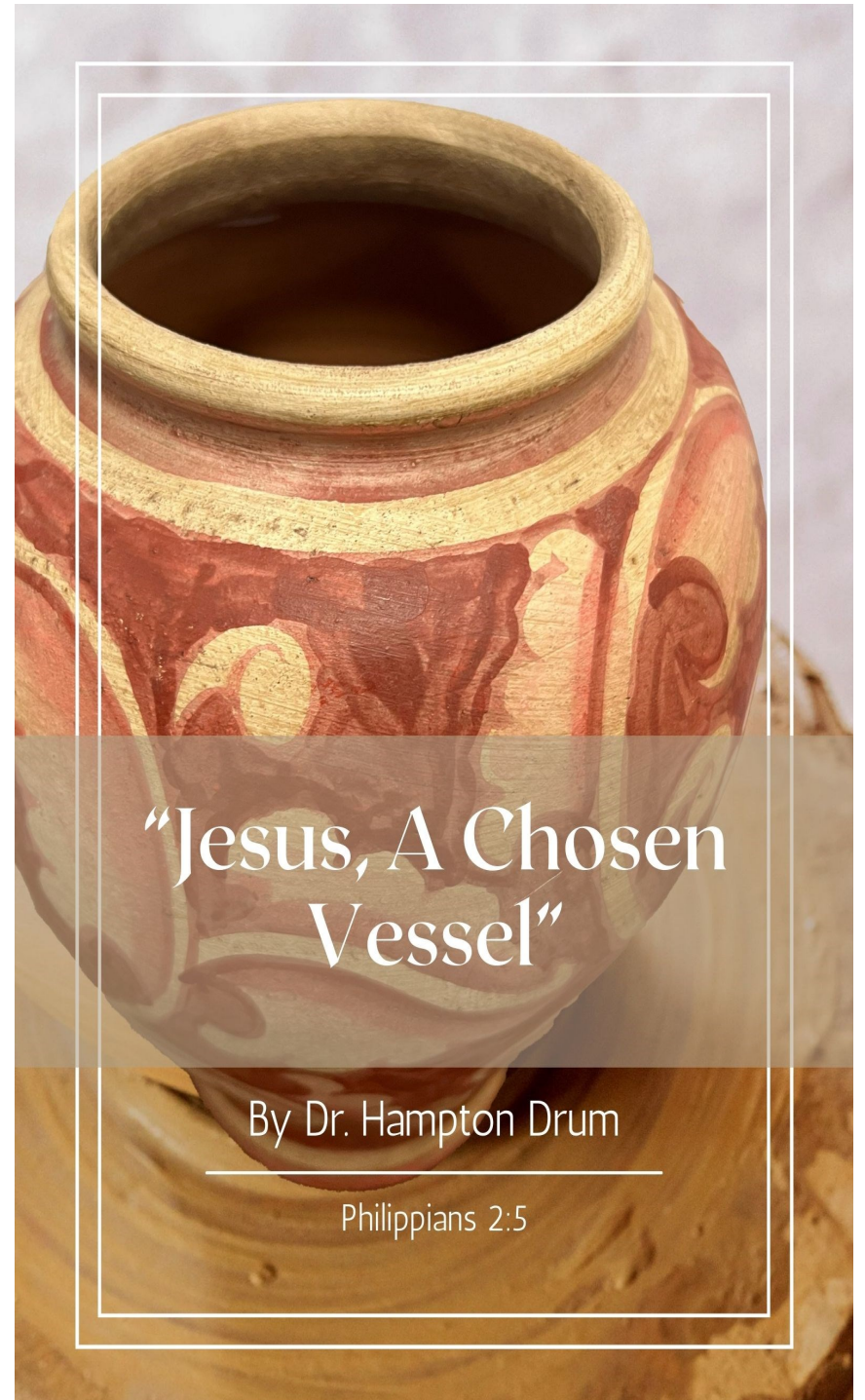
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III. Jesus became a vessel of regal admiration as a vessel.

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (V.10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (V.11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

“The China paint we use on porcelain stays forever wet until it goes back into the kiln and is fired into the piece. The glaze or China paint actually becomes a part of the clay body. It's impervious to wear. That's why so many ancient pieces remain with us today.”

- Wendy Lawton



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