

Serve As Christ

Philippians 2:1-11

Serving One Another

- Without strife, intrigue, cliques + factions
- Without vain-glory, vanity, boastful pride
- With Humility: honest view of yourself
- Actually doing what is best (meddling, advice, gossip)
- Anyone is free to serve in any capacity
- Spirit led to serve at any time



Philippians 2:1-4

Php 2:1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,
2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.



Philippians 2:5-8

Php 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The Christ Example (5-8)

- Christ--**who is God**--did not believe Himself above service
- The worship and adoration of all Creation
 - One Species out of 1 trillion+ on this planet
 - One star in a galaxy of a trillion stars
 - Stevenson 2-18 **2150x our sun which is 1mx our earth**
 - One galaxy in a 125 billion

The Christ Example (5-8)

- The holder of the fabric of all creation
- The creator, artist and commander of all things made
- Emptied *kenno* abase, neutralize, make of no reputation
- Instead took on slavery and service
- Made himself obedient to man's laughable authority
- Allowed himself to be slain so we could be saved



Philippians 2:9-11

9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Elevation of Christ (9-11)

- Because of Christ's service God has highly exalted
- *huperupsoo* (1) highest position
- A name above every other name--without peer
- A name that when spoken every knee WILL bow
- A name that when spoken every tongue WILL confess
- A name that all creation WILL worship for all time
- A name that WILL bring acclaim to the Father

For us Today

- If this is Christ's way and we are his followers...
- We should be willing to lay down our... everything!
- Consuming in Christ is not his way
- Service to one another is the way of Christ
- The way up is down
- To be great in His Kingdom you must be the servant of all



John 13:3-5

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. 5 Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.