

Church: Servant Leaders

Philippians 2:5-11

The Mission of the Church (God's Mission)

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Mt 28:19-20; cf. Acts 1:8).

God has a church for his mission.

God equips the church for service.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... in order that in everything God may be glorified (1Pt 4:10-11).

Members | Deacons | Elders

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⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phi 2:5-11).

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- **Jesus is God (vv. 5-6a)**
 - **He descended to earth (vv. 6b-7)**
 - **He died on the cross (v. 8)**
 - **He ascended to heaven (v. 9)**
- **Jesus Christ is exalted (vv. 10-11)**

Servant Leaders:

- 1. Pursue the mind of Christ (v. 5).**
- 2. Empty themselves (vv. 6-8).**
- 3. Exalt Christ (vv. 9-11).**

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4 ways to pursue the mind of Christ.

- i. Feed your mind truth.**
- ii. Set your thoughts on things above.**
- iii. Connect with godly friends.**
- iv. Spend time with God.**

2. Empty yourself (vv. 6-8).

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Jesus is ...

1. The divine essence of God.

A. In Christ the *fullness* of God dwells (Col 1:19; 2:9).

B. In the church, the *fullness* of Christ dwells (Eph 1:23).

2. Co-participant with the Father and Spirit.

Jesus is ...

Author of Life (Acts 3:15); Creator (John 1:3); King of the Ages (Rev. 15:3); Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14); Holy One (Acts 3:14); Image of God (2 Cor. 4:4); King of kings (1 Tim 6:15; Rev. 19:16); Rock (1 Cor. 10:4); Root of David (Rev. 5:5; 22:16); Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5); Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6); Power of God (1 Cor. 1:24); Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16); Lord of All (Acts 10:36); Advocate (1 John 2:1); Chief Cornerstone (Eph. 2:20)

Jesus emptied himself (vv. 6-8).

- i. Jesus gave up his recognition (v. 6).**
- ii. Jesus emptied himself (v. 7).**
- iii. Jesus became a servant (v. 7).**
- iv. Jesus became man (v. 7).**
- v. Jesus died on the cross (v. 8).**

Empty yourself.

i. Give up recognition.

ii. Remember, it's not about you/me.

iii. Serve with purpose.

3. Exalt Christ (vv. 9-11).

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Jesus is Lord.

- i. Jesus became highly exalted (v. 9).**
- ii. Jesus received the best name (v. 9).**
- iii. Jesus holds all authority (v. 10).**
- iv. Jesus is recognized as LORD (v. 11).**
- v. Jesus glorifies the Father (v. 11).**

**Today is the day of salvation.
Glorify the Lord.**