

Philippians 2:9-11
“The Name Above All Names”
“Preaching outline”

Introduction

Phil 2:9-11

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A. “Therefore”—

1. “Therefore” means **“for this reason”**
2. The word “therefore” is the turning point from verses 2:6-8 **FIRST** speaking of Christ **“Humiliation”** to now **SECONDLY** in verses 2:9-11 speaking of Christ **“Exaltation”**

Remember; that in 2:6-8 emphasized the Humiliation of Christ:

- God the Son **“emptied Himself”** of His divine privileges
- He was born in human flesh as a **“man”**.
- As a man, He became the **“servant”** to all men.
- In human form, God the Son **“humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross”**

B. Now today in verses 9-11 we now shift to celebrate the “Exaltation of Christ”

1. Because Jesus so **“humbled Himself”**, God the Father has **“exalted Him”**.
 - Because Jesus was willing to leave His throne in heaven.
 - Because Jesus was willing to humble Himself and become a man.
 - Because Jesus was willing to humble Himself even further by becoming a Servant of all men.
 - Because Jesus was willing, of Himself, to go to whatever degree necessary to “take away the sin of the world”.
 - Because Jesus humbled Himself with a “Humility that is unmatched”. By becoming the “Lamb of God, He was the sacrifice for the sin of the whole world that was laid upon Him. He died as a Criminal before men, hanging between 2 thieves and baring the humiliation of hanging on the cross.
2. Because Jesus **DID NOT “seek a Name for Himself”**, **God the Father** has given Him the **“Name above all names”**.

John 8:50

50 "And **I do not seek My own glory**; there is One who seeks and judges.

John 8:54

54 Jesus answered, "**If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me**, of whom you say that He is your God.

3. Because "**Jesus bent His knee to serve all men**", **God the Father** has decreed "**every knee shall bow to Him**".

C. Four key points on the "Exaltation of Christ" here in verses 9-11:

1. **First, the "Source" of Christ's Exaltation— "God also has highly exalted Him..."**
This is a reference to God the Father

Jesus did not exalt Himself, but the God the Father did!!!!

Quote: (Spurgeon)

"Now, just pause over this thought – that **Christ did not crown himself**, but that **his Father crowned him**; that **he did not elevate himself to the throne of majesty**, but that **his Father lifted him** there, **and placed him on his throne.**"

2. **has highly exalted** or (*i.e. Super-Exalted*)
The Greek word (hyperypsoo) (hup -pear-hup-saw-o) – metaph. **to exalt to the highest rank and power, raise to supreme majesty; to extol most highly; "raised Him up to an exceeding height", THERE IN NONE HIGHER!!**
3. This **EXALTATION OF CHRIST APPLIES** to the "**Incarnate God-Man**", and involves a couple of things:

First, it involves **the restoration** of what He had eternally **possessed before His incarnation:**

John 17:5

5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, **with the glory which I had with You before** the world was.

Second, Jesus' exaltation involves **God giving Him the honor and reward He could receive only "AFTER HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON THE CROSS" in obedience to His Father's will.**

After **the resurrection or after Jesus died**, was **buried**, and **rose on the 3rd day:**

Acts 2:32 (Peter's first sermon on the day of Pentecost)

32 "This Jesus **God has raised up**, of which we are all witnesses.

Knowing Jesus is going to obey the Father fully, even unto the death of the cross, the **Father is speaking ahead of time that once Jesus raises from the dead** it is the Father's will that **Jesus would be equally honored.**; **AS GOD THE FATHER IS HONORED!!!**

John 5:20-23

20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

21 "For **as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them,** even **so the Son gives life to whom He will.**

22 "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

23 "**that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father** who sent Him.

D. God the Father has "highly exalted" Jesus Christ and given Him dominion and authority over all things

Moments before Jesus would be arrested and then ultimately go to the cross, it says this:

John 13:3

3 **Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands,** and that He had come from God and was going to God,

After Jesus has died for our sins and then rose on the 3rd day:

Matt 28:18

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

Paul sums it up:

Rom 14:9

9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, **that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.**

E. And the "Title" of Christ Exaltation... "God also has given Him the name which is above every name":

1. "**Given**" means "to freely give"; "an act of grace", or "to Bestow"

given or "Bestowed"

The Greek word (charizomai) – to do something pleasant or agreeable (to one), to do a favour to, gratify; to show one's self gracious, kind, benevolent; to give graciously, give freely, **bestow**

2. "**THE...Name**" not just "**a** name"—this is "**THE** name" **unique to Jesus alone.** Obviously there are many people with same "earthly" name of "Jesus".

Hebrew Culture of "Names":

The name, in the Jewish culture, was not just to identify one person from another. But it also **meant to declare** the "**very nature**" of that person or at least hoped to be.

There is no other like unto Jesus, the God-Man who saved us from our sins!

3. "**Name**" was used in Scripture to represent the *total person including the **office**, **rank**, and **dignity** attached to the person because of His position*

4. Here, in Philippians 2:9 “name” speaks not only of **the total Person of Christ** but also of **His title which infinitely supersedes every title ever given to any created being.**

5. **That title is “Lord”**

The Greek word translated “**Lord**” is “**Kyrios**”

This Title name “Lord” speaks of “**Sovereign lordship**”. It also focuses-in on Christ’s **power, dignity, authority, honor, dominion,** and **His worthiness of adoration**

Note:

The Greek translation of the Old Testament uses the word “**Kyrios**” to translate God’s name “**Yahweh**”.

Important Note:

Many places where an Old Testament passage is talking about “**Yahweh**”, and “Yahweh” as God is in the New Testament attributed to Jesus and using the Greek “**Kyrios**”.

Example 1:

Isaiah 61:1-2a

1 "The Spirit of the **Lord** (*i.e. Yahweh*) GOD is upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the **LORD** (*i.e. Yahweh*), ...

Luke 4:16-21

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.
17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:
18 "The Spirit of the **LORD** (*i.e. Kyrios*) is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD (*i.e. Kyrios*)."
20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.
21 And He began to say to them, "**Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**"

Example 2:

Isaiah 43:10-11

10 "You are My witnesses," says the LORD,

"And My servant whom I have chosen,
That you may know and believe Me,
And understand that I am He.
Before Me there was no God formed,
Nor shall there be after Me.
11 I, even I, am the LORD,
And besides Me there is no savior.

Titus 2:13

13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,**

God the Father declares His Son to be "Yahweh"—"Lord"

F. The name "Lord" is "above every name"

Jesus is "Lord", Jesus is supreme over everyone and everything

1. He is King of kings and LORD of Lords!!

Rev 19:16

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Jesus alone possesses the name "King of kings and the Lord of lords" !!

2. Salvation comes only in the Name of Jesus!!

Acts 4:12

12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Rom 10:9 (LORD JESUS!!!)

9 that if you confess with your mouth the **Lord** (i.e. **Yahweh; Kyrios**) **Jesus** and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.**

Jesus being "Lord", now a sinner can be saved from sin and eternal punishment in hell only by calling on Jesus by faith as "Lord" for salvation.

Rom 10:12-13

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, **for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.**

13 For "**whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.**"

G. Every Knee should bow

This second to the last "response" to Christ's Exaltation, is to bow!!!

We are to bow to NO OTHER but God alone!!

Paul takes this passage from Isaiah 45 and makes it clear **there is only ONE person we should ever bow to, and that is God!!**

Isaiah 45:22-23

22 "**Look to Me, and be saved,**
All you ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

23 I have sworn by Myself;

The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness,
And shall not return,

**That to Me every knee shall bow,
Every tongue shall take an oath.**

Very clear in **Isaiah 45:22** is that, **there is ONE God and no other**, and **only to that ONE God every knee will bow and every tongue will take an oath or confess** (i.e. to be in agreement).

This very passage speaks of Christ Jesus in Romans 14

Rom 14:10-12

10 But why do you judge your brother?

Or why do you show contempt for your brother?

For we shall **all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

11 For it is written:

"As I live, says the LORD (**i.e. Kyrios**), Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."

12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Here in Philippians, once again:

Phil 2:10....that at the **name of Jesus every knee should bow,**...

These words affirm the Deity of Christ

Conclusion: Jesus is God and being God-Man, shall have a name above all names.

H. Every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord

These words *anticipate* a day when all created beings will worship and honor Jesus Christ.

1. First, *who* will worship and honor Jesus Christ?

- **"Every"** means **"all, without exception"**
- **"Those in heaven"**—all the saints and angels in *Heaven* will worship and honor Christ
- **"Those on earth"**—all humanity on *earth* will worship and honor Christ
- **"Those under the earth"**—all **the demons** and **the damned in hell** will worship and honor Christ.

2. Second, **"HOW"**, will all worship and honor Jesus Christ?

- **Every knee should "BOW"**
 - **God's people** will bow **adoration**
 - **God's enemies** will bow in **humiliation**
- **"Every tongue should "CONFESS" that Jesus Christ is Lord"**

- **God's people** will confess the Lordship of Christ with **joy**
- **God's enemies** will confess the Lordship of Christ in **terror**

3. Third, "**WHEN**" will this happen?

- all humanity will bow the knee and confess the Lordship of Christ at the **Judgment of Christ!!**

Rom 14:10b-12

10b ...For we shall **ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**. 11 For it is written:

"As I live, **says the LORD** **Every knee shall bow to Me**, And **every tongue shall confess to God**."

12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

- You can either bow your knees before Christ:
 - "**NOW**" to receive **eternal salvation**
 - or bow "**LATER**" and receive **eternal damnation**

John 3:17-18

17 "For **God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved**."

18 "**He who believes in Him is not condemned**; but **he who does not believe is condemned** already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36

36 "**He who believes** in the Son has **everlasting life**; and **he who does not believe** the Son shall not see life, but **the wrath of God abides on him**."

I. These **WORDS, DEEDS, NAMES AND TITLES** *acknowledge* the name of the "**Incarnate Son of God**"—"The name of Jesus"

- "**Jesus**" is the name **given to God's Incarnate Son**—

Luke 2:21

21b ... **His name was called JESUS**, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

- The name "**Jesus**" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew name "**Yah-Shua**" which means "**The LORD is Salvation**". In the English we would say, "**Joshua**".

Matt 1:21

21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and **you shall call His name JESUS**, for **He will save His people from their sins**."

- **Only by calling on the name of "Jesus" can a sinner be saved from sin and hell**

Isaiah 55:6-7

6 Seek (i.e. call) the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
 7 Let the wicked forsake his way,
 And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 Let him return to the LORD,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He (i.e. Jesus the Messiah) will abundantly pardon.

- J. The "Purpose" of "CHRIST JESUS" Exaltation "...is to the glory of God the Father".
 Let the Father be brought to JOY today...by all of us here, Exalting the Name of Jesus!!

Conclusion

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Too often in the Christian Church today, Christ is not an "exalted one"!!!!!!

1. To Praise Him for His "Incarnation" (i.e. coming in Human Flesh), the very Son of God begotten in Human Flesh!!

1 Tim 3:16a

16a And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh, ...

1 John 4:2

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

1 John 4:3

3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Luke 24:36-43

36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

40 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

43 And He took it and ate in their presence.

Col 1:18

18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

1 John 3:2-3

2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, **but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Heb 2:11

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason **He is not ashamed to call them brethren**,

2. **On the other hand, people are so focus on embracing the Humanity of Jesus and do it to “the Expense of His Deity”...for Jesus is God and Him coming in human flesh has not weakened that!!!.**

In some cases, Jesus is stripped of His infinite diety, and all there is left::

- **“soft and smiling Jesus”**
- or a **“weak and dead Jesus”**
- or **worse yet a “Helpless Jesus in the arms of Mary”.**

Let me ask you some questions?

- Is our “Jesus worth dying for”?
- Is our Jesus worth worshipping?
- Is our Jesus worth boasting about?
- Is our Jesus not worth living for?
- Is our Jesus worth sharing?

As God’s people, we need to maintain a true vision of God’s Son—“highly exalted”

John in The book of Revelation helps us see it clearly. And it gives us such clarity in the worship of Jesus Christ our Lord!

- **On one hand Rev. 5 sees Jesus clearly in His Deity:**

Rev 5:5 ... Behold, **the Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David....

- **On the other hand Rev. 5 sees Jesus clearly in His Humanity:**

Rev 5:6

6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne ...stood **a Lamb** **as though it had been slain**, ...

- When seeing Jesus as God and Man, we observe a “Praise of Jesus” like no other!

Rev 5:11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

To **receive power** and **riches** and **wisdom**,

And **strength** and **honor** and **glory** and **blessing!**”

13 And **every creature** which is **in heaven** and **on the earth** and **under the earth** and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, **I heard saying:**

“Blessing and **honor** and **glory** and **power**

Be **to Him who sits on the throne,**
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!"

And the twenty-four **elders fell down** and **worshiped Him** who lives forever and ever.

Listen: (Chuck Girard, "Name above all names".

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