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Series: Philippians: Triumphant, Tenacious, Battle-Tested Joy

Title: The Mind of Christ (Part 2)

Text: Philippians 2:5-11



INTRODUCTION

“The grandeur of this passage can easily cause one to forget why it is here.” (Gordon Fee)

Note: Paul lays out the deity, humanity, humility, majesty, and sovereignty of Jesus in order to cultivate, develop, and sustain (within us!) the mind of Christ!

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I. JESUS’ DEITY, HUMANITY, HUMILITY, MAJESTY, SOVEREIGNTY

Philippians 2:6 -

DEITY: Jesus did not exploit His equality with God for selfish purposes.

(Hebrews 1:3-4; John 1:1, 14; John 17:4-5; 2 Corinthians 8:9)

Note: The Greek word translated as “grasped” describes taking, seizing, or grabbing hold of something for personal advantage! Jesus did not do that!

Philippians 2:7 -

HUMANITY: In His incarnation, Jesus emptied Himself and became a servant.

(Hebrews 2:17-18; Galatians 5:13-14)

Note: Jesus added humanity to His deity so that He could serve us by doing for us what we could never do for ourselves — that is, fulfilling perfect righteousness and dying in our place for our sins as our representative.

Philippians 2:8 -

HUMILITY: Jesus purposefully submitted Himself to an excruciating, sacrificial death.

(Matthew 27:45-46; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 10:9-11; John 10:17-18)

Philippians 2:9 -

MAJESTY: The Father has exalted Jesus to the highest degree possible!

(Matthew 23:12; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6)

Philippians 2:10-11 -

SOVEREIGNTY: Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that JESUS IS LORD... all to the glory and praise of the Father!

(1 Timothy 6:15)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How does Philippians 2:6-11 reveal the mind of Christ? What do we learn about Jesus?
2. What should we do? How should we think after studying a passage like this?
3. Why is it so hard for us to accept that humility and service are the path to joy and glory?
4. Why is the Lordship of Jesus so strong emphasized in this passage? How does this reality produce both encouragement and conviction?
5. Is Jesus, indeed, your Lord? How do you know? What evidence do you see?