Let This Mind Be in You

Philippians 2:5-11

Introduction:

I. The Steps Down – 2:5-8

A. The Top Rung – 2:6a

“Who, ﻿﻿being in the form of God, did not consider it ﻿﻿robbery to be equal with God,”

1. The Form of God –

μορφῇ- that which is identified with the essence of a person or thing.

2. Equal (ἴσα) with God ﻿

“Equal” means “on the same level with.”

Three Kings in the O.T. made this claim and were condemned for it: Hirum, Neb., Joash.

The Jews knew what it meant in John 3:18 -- “Therefore, the Jews ﻿﻿sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His own Father, ﻿﻿making Himself equal with God.”

B. The First Step Down –

1. He did not cling to His Position – 2:6b

did not consider it ﻿﻿robbery to be equal with God,

2. He Emptied Himself but ﻿﻿Made Himself of No Reputation,

a. Taking the form ﻿﻿of a bondservant

b.﻿ Coming in the likeness of men.

3. He Humbled Himself

Being found in appearance as a man.

4. He became Obedient

a. To death

b. The most horrible death even death on a cross

II. The Steps Up – 2:9-11

1. He Was Exalted – 2:9-10

The exaltation is the reverse of the humiliation.

1. Why Every Knee will Bow – 2:9-10a

a. His Position

“Therefore God also ﻿﻿has highly exalted Him”

He did not exalt Himself.

He humbled Himself, but the Father exalted Him. It was necessary for man’s sake that there should be a sign from the Father that His death was satisfactory for our sin.

That sign was the resurrection. The Son was exalted as the O.T. prophesied. Psalm 16 – quoted in Acts 2:25. Psalm 16 was not written about David, but about David’s greater Son, Jesus.

b. His name –

“given Him the name is above every name,”

Question: What is the name?

Jesus – v. 10 “at the name of Jesus” -- That could be “the name that belongs to Jesus”

What is everyone of creation going to say? V. 11

Answer: “Jesus Christ is Lord” The text says, “κύριος Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς” There is no “is” in the verse.

The word “that” can indicate “?” -- I think it does here.

2. Where Every Knee will Bow

1. Above earth

b. On earth

c. Below earth

1. He Will Be Extolled – 2:11

“and ﻿﻿*that* every tongue should confess “Lord Jesus Christ” to the glory of God the Father.”

Conclusion