

## A Servant's Heart is Exemplified (Philippians 2:5-11)

**\*\*Our faithfulness in private leads to fruitfulness in public.\*\***

Today Paul draws our attention to the greatest example of a servant. Here we see Christ—the God-man—who led by example.

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (v. 6a)

Cf. John 1:1-4

The reality that Jesus Christ is God is the foundation to Christmas. For without this truth, there is nothing to celebrate.

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (v. 5-8)

Cf. Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:3

**F.B Meyer** – The only hope of a decreasing self is an increasing Christ.

**Romans 12:2** And be not conformed [molded into the pattern] to this world: but be ye transformed [Grk. *metamorphóō*] by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of **God**.

#### A. His \_\_\_\_\_ of others (v. 6b)

#### B. His \_\_\_\_\_ others (v. 7)

Cf. John 1:14

**Rand Hummel** – Christ left all to become nothing. We are nothing (but think we are something) and are not willing to lay aside our nothingness for others!

Q: What are you unwilling to give up in order to be obedient to Christ and His Word?

Cf. Hebrews 4:15

Q: What is the Lord calling you to do that you are struggling to submit to?

#### C. His \_\_\_\_\_ for others (v. 8)

##### 1. In dying to \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 26:39)

##### 2. In dying as a \_\_\_\_\_

Cf. Isaiah 53:7; 2 Corinthians 5:21

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (v. 9-11)

Cf. John 17:1

**Luke 18:13-14** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, **God** be merciful to me a sinner. **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

**1 Peter 5:6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of **God**, that **He** may exalt you in due time:

Cf. Luke 14:11

It is important to point out the simple truth stated here: “ALL creation will bow before Christ Jesus. All creation will confess Him to be Lord of all.” The timing of this is important. If a soul bows in humble worship and calls upon Christ to be his Lord in this life, he will spend eternity with Christ in heaven. Humility on earth equals exaltation in heaven.

If a soul waits and refuses to bow while here on earth, he will bow as he kneels in judgment before the Righteous and Just God, Who will have given a lifetime of grace to bow his knee, yet now must receive the earthly desire of this soul as He assures him into eternal damnation. Self-exaltation on earth equals eternal humbling in hell.

**Matthew 11:29** Take **My** yoke upon you, and learn of **Me** [*follow MY lead*]; for I am meek and lowly in heart [*gentle and humble in heart*]: and ye shall find rest [inward tranquility/ peace] unto your souls.

**Matthew 16:24** Then said **Jesus** unto **His** disciples, "If any *man* will come after **Me**, let him **deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow **Me**.