

Unwrapping the Savior

Christmas Unwrapped #2 - Pastor Gary Combs - December 9, 2018 - Philippians 2:1-11

Philippians 2:1-11 (ESV) ¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 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.

Three conditions that reveal the humble mind of our Savior:

1. The _____ of Jesus.

Matthew 11:28-30 (KJV) ²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am **meek and lowly** in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 (ESV) ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

2. The _____ of Jesus.

Three downward steps of Christ's humiliation:

- His _____
- His _____
- His _____

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Matthew 20:26-28 (ESV) ... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

3. The _____ of Jesus.

Three upward steps of Christ's exaltation:

- An exalted _____
- An exalted _____
- An exalted _____

Ephesians 1:19-22 (NLT) ¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

Proverbs 27:2 (ESV) Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.