

Whoever humbles himself will be EXALTED

The exaltation of 'Christ, the humble' Philippians 2:9-11

Introduction:

Philippians 2:9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Peter 5:5 ...and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

Two choices: be a 'self-exalter' or be 'God-exalted'

Matthew 23:11 ...the greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted

#1 The _____ : God the Father exalts God the Son 9a

John 17:5 Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

John 5:22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son.

*Acts 1:3 Christ is **exalted** above the heavens.*

*Acts 2:33 The risen Christ is **set at God's right hand** in the place of rule.*

*1 Corinthians 4:5 ... do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and **disclose the motives of men's hearts**; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.*

#2 The _____ : how God vindicates His own humble Son 9b

Revelation 19:16 King of Kings and Lord of lords

#3 The _____ : of the Father exalting the Son 10-11a

*Romans 10:9 ...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.***

*Revelation 20:15 ...if anyone's name was **not found written in the book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

1 Timothy 1:16 ...found mercy, so that in me as the foremost [of sinners], Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

#3 The RESULTS: of the Father exalting the Son - continued

Romans 10:9 *If you confess with your mouth **Jesus as Lord**, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;* John 20:28 *Thomas ... said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"*

Confess Him now in praise, OR you will confess Him later in punishment.

Bow before Christ the LORD now in salvation OR you will bow before Christ the LORD later in condemnation

Luke 6:46 *Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?* Matthew 7:21 *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

James 2:26 *... faith without works is dead.* 1 Corinthians 6:9 *Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?* Ephesians 5:5 *you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, ..., has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.* Galatians 5:21 *envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, ... those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.* Hebrews 12:14 *Pursue ... sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.*

Romans 6:17 *thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed*

Acts 2:36... *God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.*

A continually sinning 'so-called Christian', is *either* in disobedience, awaiting discipline, OR in defiance, awaiting damnation.

#4 THE _____ : why would God exalt the Son? 11b

A = Is Christ your _____ ?

2 Thessalonians 1:8 *dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,*

John 10:27 *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

Hebrews 5:9 *... He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.*

B = Are you _____ humility with others?

C = Will you _____ God's awesome greatness?

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS--BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-How does Christ's example in verses 5-8 and Christ's exaltation in verses 9-11 motivate unity?
- 2-Why is it important the Philippian Christians would know every tongue will confess Christ as Lord?
- 3-Why is humility so important to genuine biblical unity?
- 4-What is so important about teaching Christ must be LORD in order to be saved?
- 5-How can you help 'so-called Christians' or 'unsure Christians' to embrace Christ as LORD?
- 6-Why must a Christian's confession of Christ as Lord, be public and not merely private?
- 7-How can obedience to God's Word be expected as normal for all Christians, when salvation is by grace?
- 8-Christ's nature never changes, so what was different about Christ after His resurrection?
- 9-How is the Trinity itself a motivation for biblical unity between brothers and sisters?

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