

**INTRODUCTION: *AN HISTORIC CUP*** (1963, Sherri Cup Co.(Solo), Leslie Buck; <http://wearehappytoserveyou.com/pages/the-cup-story>)

**I. CHRIST WAS HAPPY TO SERVE US!**

**A. BEFORE: THE FORMAL GLORY OF GOD** (6; see Is.6:1; Ezk.1,etc.; Rev.4 /Jn.1:1f; 5:18; Col.1:19; Heb.1:3)

**B. DURING: RELEASED HIS FORMAL GLORY & TOOK OUR FORMAL HUMILITY** (6,7; Jn.1:1,14; Col.2:9; Rom.8:3; see Gen.1:26 vs. Heb.1:3, etc.)

1. *the rights of God & the duties of Man* (6-8; see 1Cor.9:12f,15,18 & Gen.1:26f; 2:7f; Gal.4:4f; 5:3; Jms.2:10)

2. *being glorified & humbling Himself* (6-8; see Mk.10:45; Jn.10:18; 13:1f; 4,13f; Rom.12:10; 2Cor.8:9)

3. *the prerogatives of holiness & the liabilities of sin* (8; see 2Cor.5:21; 8:9)

**C. AFTER: THE FORMAL GLORY OF MAN** (9-11; see Gen.1:26; 2:7f; Mt.28:18,19; Acts 2:33; Eph.2:18f; Rev.12:5f; 21:24f; 22:2)

**D. POINT: UNION WITH CHRIST IN HIS THINGS** (3-5; see Mk.10:45; 2Cor.8:9; see Rom.6:4; 8:17; see 1Cor.9:18f; 2Cor.4:15)

**II. TIMOTHY & EPAPHRODITUS WERE HAPPY TO SERVE THE PHILIPPIANS!**

**A. THE TESTIMONY OF TWO MEN** (2:1f with 19f & 25f; see Dt.19:15; see Phil.2:17,8)

**B. TIMOTHY: LYSTRA, SONSHIP, GLORY** (Acts 16:1f; Phil.2:20-22(21,4); 1-5; 2Tm.4:6-8)

**C. EPAPHRODITUS: PHILIPPI, BROTHERHOOD, HONOR** (2:25b; 25a,30; 29)

**III. WE ARE TO BE HAPPY TO SERVE THE OSWEGONIANS!**

**A. BEFORE: IMMORAL SELFISHNESS, IDOLATROUS CONCEIT** (3a /3:19; Eph.2:1f; 1Cor.6:9f; 1Pt.4:1f)

**B. DURING: INTO & IN CHRIST** (5,1; see 12,13; Mt.28:19; Rom.6:3f)

1. *die in Christ & raised in Christ* (5,1; see Rom.6:3f)

2. *humble ourselves (worship) in order to serve (morality)* (3b,4; 21; see Mt.22:37f)

3. *have put off our arrogant selfishness & put on Christ's humble service: one & begun* (3a & 3b-5; see Mt.22:37f; Col.3:9&10; Eph.4:22-24)

4. *putting off our arrogant selfishness & putting on Christ's humble service: more & more* (1-5; see Col.3:5f&12f; Eph.4:25f)

**C. AFTER: GLORIFIED IN & WITH CHRIST** (9-11; see Rom.8:17; 2Tm.4:6-8; Rev.3:21)

**CONCLUSION: *MERRY CHRISTMAS! BE HAPPY TO SERVE!***

**A. THANK GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT IN JESUS!** (5-11; see 2Cor.9:15; 5:21)

**B. MAKE UP YOUR MIND TO BE A CHEERFUL SERVANT!** (1-5f; Mk.10:45; Lk.6:27-36; 2Cor.9:7; Acts 20:35)

**C. BE HAPPY TO SERVE GOD, ONE ANOTHER & THE WORLD IN CHRIST!** (4:13; 2:1-5f /Mt22:37f)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)