

The God Who We Worship: Jesus, the Son of God, Part 2

Philippians 2: 5-13

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Introduction:



- * Today we are going to be taking a look at another counterintuitive thing.
- * The way up is the way down.
- * And our thought is, we are trying to get a mental picture of the greatness of our Triune God, so as to heighten our worship experience.

I. Jesus' pre-existence

- a. The Father pre-existed the creation
- b. The same can be said of Jesus Christ:
 - i. Phil 2:6- "Who being in the very nature God . . ."
 - ii. Jn. 1:1- " . . . and the Word was with God . . ."
 - iii. Jn. 3:13- "No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven . . ."
 - iv. Jn 5:36- " . . . that the Father has sent Me . . ."
- c. So Jesus also shares in the Father's eternity. He existed with the Father before His incarnation. The Father sent Him. And if God is the eternal Father, there must of necessity be an eternal Son.

II. Jesus Humiliation

- a. His humiliation included being made a human being.
- b. The miracle of Christmas is that Jesus took on the limitations of humanity.
- c. The humiliation of Christ is:
 - i. Being born ~ and that in a low condition
 - ii. Made under the law
 - iii. Undergoing the miseries of life
 - iv. Experiencing the wrath of God at the cross
 - v. Being buried
 - vi. Continuing under the power of death for a time

III. Jesus Pain

- a. Phil. 1:8- "He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross!"
- b. The bad news: The good news:

IV. Jesus was exalted

- a. Not just lifted up ~ but hyper lifted up
- b. It is counterintuitive ~ He had to die in order to be raised up, He had to be humble in order to be exalted, He had to lay aside everything before He could get it all back.

V. Take Away

- a. Believe in Jesus
- c. Jesus is the Almighty, most High God, who earned His place
- b. Practical encouragements: take on the mind of Christ ~ humility and submission; Humility is path to