

Philippians 2:9-11

Christ's Exaltation

Humiliation ...

I. Exalted

- A. State
- B. Status
- C. Title

II. Revered

- A. Submission
- B. Adoration

III. Acknowledged

- A. Universally
- B. Perpetually
- C. Regretfully

... anticipation

Children, Listen ...

1. Jesus walked the earth for 40 days after his resurrection. What happened then?
2. It is clear in the Gospels that Jesus was fully God and fully man when He walked the earth. Has this changed?
3. Jesus is given a title that is above every title. What is that?
4. What does this title for Jesus call people to do?
5. What does all of this mean for you?

Name Above All Names

In our text, Paul takes us quickly from Christ's humiliation and death to His exaltation. Wedged between verses 8 and 9 is, of course, the burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus—things obviously indispensable to the Redeemer's saving work. But Paul's point is that, since Jesus willingly underwent utter humiliation as the second person of the Trinity incarnate, He was exalted at the right hand of glory. This is the ultimate sense of what Jesus says in Matthew 23:12 "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." In the context of Paul calling saints to imitate Christ's humility, and there is certainly an encouragement in what is in store for the truly humble Christian on the other side, but there is so much more to this text. There is theology, doctrine, devotion and practicality packed into this brief passage. The pinnacle of it is that Jesus is given the title Lord. This is a title above every other title that can be given in heaven and earth as it designates Jesus Christ as Lord of All, Almighty God, King of Heaven ... and the list goes on. This is, by virtue, the highest designation that can be given and it is therefore supremely demanding. It demands that everyone bow to Jesus as Lord. One day everyone will acknowledge that this Jesus Who came in humility as the Christ, is Lord of all—that will be an eternally defining day. Today is the day of grace, today is the day to submit to His Lordship over your life.