

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: November 29, 2020

Series: "From Heaven's Glory to Calvary's Cross"

Text: Philippians 2:5-8

INTRODUCTION:

1. It is the largest celebration around the world each year! Other holidays get a single day, but Christmas gets an entire month.
2. Beneath all the visible sights & sounds are some simple yet profound truths that can transform your life now and for eternity.
3. Philippians 2:6-11 is the finest & most moving passage the apostle Paul ever wrote about the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Revelation of the mind of Christ (5) is presented as the story of a great change; a change from heaven's glory to calvary's cross!
5. The "great change" was brought about in two stages:

THE POSITION JESUS _____ (vs. 6)

His situation in heaven before coming into this world is the focus of verse 6

1. The NATURE of the pre-incarnate Son of God
"Who being in very nature (in the form of) God"
2. The GLORY of the pre-incarnate Son of God
3. The ATTITUDE or MIND of the pre-incarnate Son of God
"Did not consider equality with God something to be grasped."

THE POSITION JESUS _____ (vss. 7, 8)

In these verses there's great stress on the fact that this great change came about by voluntary decision (NOTE the reflexive pronoun 'himself' - it points to personal decision & action) & in this we begin to enter the "mind of Christ."

1. He EMPTIED Himself (vs. 7)
"He made himself nothing" (NIV) or literal Greek: "He emptied himself."
He willingly laid aside the trappings of his glory and took our humanity.

He laid aside . . .

- A. His heavenly _____ (John 17:4, 5)

- B. His _____ (2 Cor. 8:9)
- C. His _____ (John 5:30)
- D. His favorable relationship to God's _____ (1 Pet. 2:24)
2. He **HUMBLED Himself** (vs. 8)
 The meaning of Jesus' death is conveyed in four New Testament words:
- A. Christ's death was a **SUBSTITUTION** for sinners.
- B. Christ's death was a **REDEMPTION** in relation to sin.
- C. Christ's death was a **RECONCILIATION** in relation to man.
- D. Christ's death was a **SUBSTITUTION** in relation to God.

JESUS THANK YOU

Sovereign Grace Music - Bob Kauflin

VERSE 1

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
 The agonies of Calvary.
 You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
 Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

VERSE 2

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
 Your enemy You've made Your friend.
 Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
 Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

CHORUS

Your blood has washed away my sin. Jesus, thank You!
 The Father's wrath completely satisfied. Jesus, thank You!
 Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table. Jesus, thank You!

MAKING IT PERSONAL . . .

1. _____ Jesus' _____ (vs. 3-5)
2. _____ Jesus' _____
 Salvation is a gift we receive by trusting Jesus Christ alone as our Savior (Ephesians 2:8-9). Christ's finished work at the cross is God's Christmas gift to you. Have you received God's Christmas gift.