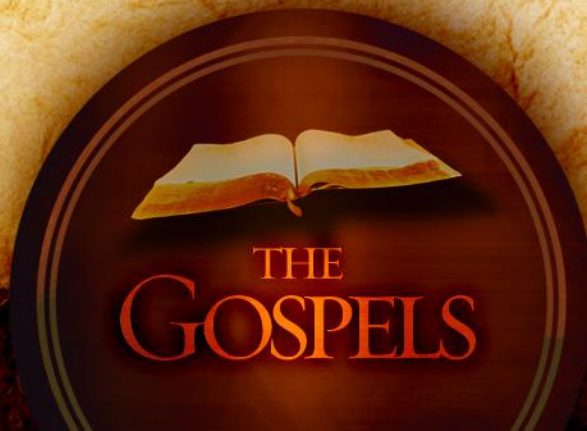




JOHN

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PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

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“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, ~~did not consider~~ equality with God something to be grasped, ~~but made himself nothing~~, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, ~~he humbled himself~~ & became obedient to death— even death on a cross!”



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1. A CHANGE IN HIS **DWELLING** PLACE:
from Heaven to Earth.
2. A CHANGE IN HIS **POSSESSIONS**:
from Riches to Poverty.
3. A CHANGE IN HIS **GLORY**:
from Glory to Obscurity.
4. A CHANGE IN HIS **POSITION**:
from Acknowledged Equality with God to Servanthood.
5. A CHANGE IN HIS **FORM**:
from the Form of God to the Likeness of Men.



SOMETHING TO PONDER:

All of the above changes were temporary except the last, which is permanent. Jesus ascended back to heaven. He regained all His riches. He is again the object of angelic worship and adoration. He is once more on the throne of the universe. But He retains his human nature & physical form. He is & forever will be the “Son of Man” (Acts 7:54-56; Rev. 1:17-18; 5:6). *The resurrection and ascension of our Lord provided His entrance into heaven and the beginning of additional ministries for Him.*



MINISTRIES

1. HIS PAST MINISTRY

- A. The promise made of “another Helper”
- B. The promise fulfilled of “another Helper”

2. HIS PRESENT MINISTRIES

- A. As Head of His Body (Eph. 1:20-23)
- B. As a great High Priest for His People (Heb. 4:14-16)
- C. As Preparer of a Place for Us (John 14:1-3)



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3. HIS FUTURE MINISTRIES

- A. He will Raise the Dead (John 5:28)
This includes both the saved and the unsaved.
- B. He will Judge all People (John 5:22, 27)
- C. He will Rule this World
Compare Rev. 19:14-20:6 with Isaiah 9:6-7.

“In the moment Adam sinned and joined Satan’s rebellion against the Creator, God lost His human representative to rule over the real of Earth. No longer was anyone qualified to rule over God’s Kingdom. Adam delivered the authority of the earthly realm to Satan when he fell. . . . Without a representative to rule over and administer the realm of Earth, God’s will would no longer be done on Earth as it is in heaven. . . . For God to be sovereign over all, He must put down the rebellion of His creation against Him, remove the rebellious ones, reinstate an Adam-like representative to rule over His Kingdom, and restore His Kingdom on Earth. Jesus is the “last Adam” (1 Cor. 15:45). When our Lord returns He will take the reins of government and rule the nations of this world as a benevolent dictator (Rev. 19:15). He will show Himself to be “King of kings & Lord of lords” in the same arena where man’s rebellion against God took place (Gen. 3:1ff.). God’s purpose in restoring His Kingdom on Earth is to demonstrate to all of His creation that He alone is the One true God of the universe.”

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PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

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“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”