

To Live Is Christ

Week 2 - The Humility of Christ

Philippians 2:1-18

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Outline

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- **Outward Expression (vv.12-18)**

**“So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love, any participation in the
Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete
my joy by being of the same mind, having the
same love, being in full accord and of one
mind.”**

Philippians 2:1-2 ESV

**“In your relationships with one another,
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus,”**

Philippians 2:5 NIV

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:3-4 ESV

Downward Incarnation

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:5-7 ESV

Downward Incarnation

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:8 ESV

Upward Exaltation

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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.”

Philippians 2:9-11 ESV

**“And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,
‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’”**

Revelation 5:13 ESV

“If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him.”

2 Timothy 2:11b-12a ESV

Outward Expression

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

Philippians 2:12-13 ESV



Outward Expression

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Philippians 2:12-13 ESV

Outward Expression

+ “Do all things without grumbling
or disputing,”

Philippians 2:14 ESV

“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.”

Isaiah 53:7 ESV



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"A complaining spirit abuses the kindness of Christ, for God *'raised us up with [Christ] . . . so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus'* (Ephesians 2:6–7). God will one day raise us up to showcase the riches and kindness of his grace through us. I dare not diminish that glorious moment with a negative tongue. A grumbling spirit would only prove from heaven that I viewed his kindness as sorely lacking to me on earth."

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Outward Expression

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.”

Philippians 2:14-16 ESV

Outward Expression

“Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.”

Philippians 2:17-18 ESV

When we Declare “To Live is Christ:”

We ponder the downward incarnation

We ponder the upward exaltation

We work out our salvation with fear and trembling

We do all things without grumbling or disputing

**We say “My God is true, each morn anew, sweet
comfort yet shall fill my heart.”**