

Philippians 2:9-11 *Wherefore* [Because of who Jesus is and how much He humbled Himself] *God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

1. Introduction:

a. Highly exalted

- i. Jesus will receive great respect
- ii. How will we approach Jesus at God's throne for the first time? Every knee shall bow – everyone (saved and unsaved) will bow down, though not at the same occasion
- iii. The great confession: that Jesus Christ is Lord. 'Lord' is a title of honor expressing respect and reverence. Slaves call their owners 'Lord' and servants greet their masters as 'Lord'.

b. **Three motivating factors** to bowing our knee

2. **First Motivator:** Superior Stature (Jesus is above anyone, anywhere)

a. Jesus' personhood (humanity)

Philippians 2:5-6 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God [didn't show off His deity while He performed the mission His Father sent Him to do]*

i. Jesus Christ is God

John 1:1, 3 *In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word [Jesus] was with God, and **the Word [Jesus] was God.** ... ³All things were made by him [Jesus]; and without him was not anything made that was made [and there is nothing in all creation was not made by Him].*

John 10:30 *I [Jesus] and my Father are one.*

ii. Whoever sees God the Son also sees God the Father

John 14:9 *Jesus saith unto him [Philip], Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father;** and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*

iii. Peter declares Jesus deity

Matthew 16:16 *And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, **the Son of the living God.***

- iv. Paul declares that the resurrection of Jesus powerfully proclaims Him to be the Son of God

Romans 1:3-4 *Concerning his [God's] Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; ⁴And **declared to be the Son of God with power**, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*

- v. Contrary to philosophy & traditions, deity lives inside Jesus' body
Colossians 2:9 *For in him [Jesus] dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

b. Jesus purity

- i. Only Jesus is without sin

1 John 3:5 *And ye know that he [Jesus] was manifested to take away our sins; and **in him is no sin.***

- ii. Jesus was tempted in the same way as any person, but without yielding to sin

Hebrews 4:15 *For we have not an high priest [Jesus] which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities [who is not isolated from our human weaknesses]; but **was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.***

- iii. Peter calls Jesus as a lamb without blemish or spot

1 Peter 1:19 *But [you are redeemed] with **the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:***

- iv. Jesus did no sin

1 Peter 2:22 ***Who** [Jesus] **did no sin**, neither was guile [deceit] found in his mouth:*

c. Jesus power

- i. Power to rebuke demonic world

Luke 4:34-35 [A demon-possessed man in a synagogue was] *Saying, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God."³⁵And **Jesus rebuked him**, saying, "Hold thy peace [Don't say anything more], and come out of him." And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.*

- ii. Power to redeem to bring a man with Himself on the day they died

Luke 23:42-43 *And he [the thief on the cross] said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."⁴³And Jesus said unto him, "**Verily** [Truthfully] **I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.**"*

- iii. Power to restore the demon-possessed man from Gadara to his right mind

Mark 5:15 *And they [the people of the village] come to Jesus, and see **him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind:** and they were afraid.*

- iv. Power of raise the dead back to life

John 11:25, 43-44 *Jesus said unto her [Martha, whose brother had just died], "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: ..." ⁴³And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." ⁴⁴And **he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, "Loose him, and let him go."***

- v. All Christians look forward to our future resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 *Behold, I [Paul] shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be changed [given an immortal body], ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we [who are still alive] shall be changed.*

3. **Second Motivator: Supreme Sacrifice** (Jesus offered Himself as the perfect payment for everyone's sin)

- a. Christians recognized Jesus as their Savior

- b. In Jesus' humanity

- i. Jesus (God the Son) became human

John 1:14 *And **the Word** [Jesus] **was made flesh, and dwelt** [lived] among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

- ii. Jesus (God the Son) became a servant

Philippians 2:7 *But made himself [Jesus] of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.***

- iii. The Son of Man [Jesus] is "God with us"

Matthew 1:23 *Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name **Emmanuel, which being interpreted** [translated] **is, God with us.***

- iv. God judged our sin in the flesh of Jesus' body on the cross

Rom 8:3 *For what the law could not do [make us righteous enough for God], in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: [What the law could not do...God did for us because of His love]*

- v. God the Son was 1) made of a woman, and 2) made at the right time
Galatians 4:4-5 *But when **the fulness of the time was come**, God sent forth his Son, **made of a woman**, made under the law, ⁵To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

c. In Jesus' humiliation

- i. Jesus was humiliated by His death on the cross
Philippians 2:8 *And being found in fashion [appearance] as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*
- ii. Philip explained Jesus' humiliating death to Ethiopian eunuch
Acts 8:32-33, 35 *The place of the scripture which he [the Ethiopian eunuch] read was this, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb [silent] before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: ³³**In his humiliation his judgment** [justice] **was taken away** [was denied to Him]: and who shall declare his generation? [who is going to remember Him?] for his life is taken from the earth." ... ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.*
- iii. Jesus described Himself as the Good Shepherd defending His sheep with His life
John 10:11 *I am the good shepherd: **the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.***
- iv. God's grace to all people
2 Corinthians 8:9 *For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, **though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor**, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*
- v. Jesus suffered a shameful death
Hebrews 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame**, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

4. **Third Motivator: Settled Sovereignty** (Jesus has shown Himself to be God in many ways)

- a. God has highly exalted Jesus' efficacy
 - i. Efficacy: fancy word for producing God's intended result
 - ii. God has given Jesus a name above everything else
Philippians 2:9 *Wherefore **God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:***

- iii. Christians complete in Jesus – we need no other
Colossians 2:10 *And **ye are complete in him** [Jesus], which is the head of all principality [ruler] and power [authority]:*
 - iv. God the Father was pleased to have all the fulness of God living in Jesus
Colossians 1:19 *For it pleased the Father that **in him should all fulness** [of God] **dwell**;*
 - v. God has enough riches to supply all Christian needs
Philippians 4:19 *But **my God shall supply all your need according to his riches** in glory by Christ Jesus.*
- b. God has highly exalted Jesus' eternality
- i. Jesus Christ is eternal
 - ii. Every Believer's home in heaven is eternal
 - iii. God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom
Psalm 145:13 ***Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom**, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.*
 - iv. Christians sheltered in God's unchanging eternal "arms"
Deuteronomy 33:27 *The eternal God is thy refuge [place of safety], and **underneath are the everlasting arms**: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.*
 - v. Jesus from infinity past to today to infinity future
Revelation 1:4 *John [the Apostle] to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from **him** [Jesus] **which is, and which was, and which is to come**; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;*
 - vi. God describes Himself as the One who lives forever & there is none other like Him
Deuteronomy 32:39-40 *See now that I, even I, am he [God], and there is no [other] god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. ⁴⁰For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, "**I live forever.**"*

5. Conclusion

- a. We should always be ready to bow in humble thanksgiving
- b. We should be eager to kneel before Jesus the Lord and exalt Him
- c. We should always call on the name of the Lord