



INSIDE OUT FAITH

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Text: Philippians 2:6-13

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."
(Philippians 2:6-13)

INTRODUCTION

- a. Who is Jesus of Nazareth?
 - Kingdom of the Son (Col 1:13)
 - image of the invisible God (Col 1:15)
 - all things created by the Son (Col 1:16)
 - in Jesus, all things consist (Col 1:17)
 - in Jesus dwells (lives) all the fullness of the God bodily (Col 2:9)
 - ~~in~~ all things were made through the Word (Jn 1:3)
- b. Human DNA inward design of outward expression of human form
- c. Christian life has sanctified heart
 - Philp 2:5, 12-13 have mind of Christ... work out your salvation... God works in you
- d. Jesus received the worship of humans
 - Jn 20:27-28 Touch Jesus... "My Lord and my God"
- e. The greater "YES" inside makes it easier to say "No" to sin

- transformed = Greek word for metamorphosis
* example: ~~butter~~ caterpillar changed into butterfly

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

Quote: "You are either being "formed" by culture, or transformed by God."

1. INWARD Humbling Before God (v. 10-11)

"I have sworn by myself, The word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow." (Isaiah 45:23) *quoted by Philip 2:11*

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5)

A. Humbled By the truth of Christ

HE CAME TO US

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:4)

HE SUFFERED FOR US

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." (Hebrews 2:9-10)

B. Humbled By the position of Christ

WE CONFESS JESUS IS LORD

"The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein." (Psalm 24:1)

"I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." (Exodus 20:2)

Quote: "The cosmic authority of our Lord Jesus Christ is expressed in the triadic phrase, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God." (John 20:28)

- Jesus received worship from Thomas (Jn 20:28)

2. INWARD Obedience (v. 12)

A. Consistent obedience

~~center~~
constraint
limits

CONSTRAINED BY CHRIST

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:" (2 Corinthians 5:14)

CONTINUING IN CHRIST

self denial

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

B. Co-operative obedience

God works
in your life
until you
die

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" (Philippians 1:6)

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." (Psalm 11:10)

C. Christ produced life

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

HE REGENERATES

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

HE RENEWS

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20-21)

"And rend your heart, and not your garments, And turn unto the LORD your God: For he is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness, And repenteth him of the evil." (Joel 2:13)

TWO WAYS OF GOD RENEWS

1. His Word (Scripture)

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
(John 17:17)

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16)

2. His Spirit

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." (John 16:13-14)

"That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." (Romans 15:16)

Quote: "Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us, and the Holy Spirit has been sent to prepare us for that place."

3. OUTWARD Working in Life (v. 12b)

Quote: "The principle Paul laid down is this: God must work in us before He can work through us. ... Too many Christians obey God only because of pressure on the outside, and not power on the inside."—Warren Wiersbe

Quote: "I am not what I might be, I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be. But I thank God I am not what I once was, and I can say with the great apostle, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.'"—John Newton

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;"
(Colossians 1:10)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."
(Ephesians 2:10)

Put word
of God into
inside you

Holy Spirit
- raises Jesus
high in
your life
- He guides
you
teaches
you

good
works

HOW TO WORK OUT

1. Read Scripture / read Bible

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." (1 Peter 2:2)

"The words of the LORD are pure words: As silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." (Psalm 12:6-7)

2. Prayer / talking with God

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

3. Witness For Christ / tell others about Jesus

"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." (Philippians 1:14)

4. Fellowship With Believers / spend time with Christians

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)

"Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry." (2 Timothy 4:11)

5. Obey Christ / follow commands of Jesus

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." (John 15:10)

- Jesus also followed commands of God His Father when He lived on earth