

Philippians 2:5-11
The Humility of Christ
For the week of 10/25/26

Reflection

What were some of the insights for you from Sunday's sermon?

Read verse 5.

Note: *In this verse Paul constructs a bridge between his exhortation to be mindful of the interests of others (2:1–4) and the hymn of Christ (2:6–11). As readers move across his bridge, their attention turns from the attitude of mind which they express in their relationships with one another to the attitude of mind Christ Jesus had, expressed in his humiliation on the cross. In his exhortation, Paul emphasizes the importance of the attitude of mind of believers by calling them to be like-minded and of one mind (2:2) in their community. In the hymn, he calls the community to focus on Christ by leading them to worship Christ, who took the form of a servant and was consequently exalted by God.¹*

As you go through the next 6 verses of Paul's hymn (or poem) of Christ, answer the three questions posed in our Spiritual Principles Seminar:

(Observation) What is Paul saying?

(Interpretation) What is Paul's meaning?

(Application) What does it mean for my life?

Feel free to use a Study Bible, commentary, and even looking at the Amplified Bible (which is like a cross between a translation and a commentary) and discuss your findings with the group.

¹ G. Walter Hansen, [*The Letter to the Philippians*](#), The Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI; Nottingham, England: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2009), 118–119.

Verses 6: ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,²

Observation –

Interpretation –

Application –

Verses 7: ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.³

Observation –

Interpretation –

Application –

Verse 8: ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁴

Observation –

Interpretation –

² [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 2:6.

³ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 2:7.

⁴ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 2:8.

Application –

Verse 9: ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,⁵

Observation –

Interpretation –

Application –

Verse 10: ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,⁶

Observation –

Interpretation –

Application –

⁵ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 2:9.

⁶ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 2:9–10.

Verse 11: ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.⁷

Observation –

Interpretation –

Application –

⁷ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Php 2:11.