The Submissive Mind

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INTRODUCTION

- But in chapter 2, he becomes Paul the servant. When he says, Christ first, but others next.
- Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory. But in lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves.
- How is it possible to really treat others better than self? And I believe before we deal with that, let's consider the example, our Lord and Savior.

1 Being in the Form of God

Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:15–16; Hebrews 1:3

- Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.
- Jesus Christ is pictured in the book of John as well as in other places as being deity in every sense.
- He had the divine qualities. He was on an equality with God.
- He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature. By him were all things created.
- If you want to know about God, Jesus Christ came to declare him to the world.

2 He Emptied Himself and Took the Form of a Servant

Philippians 2:7; Matthew 20:28; John 13

- When we start talking about my rights, let's stop and think about Jesus, our example.
- He had the form of God, but he gave it up. He emptied himself when he took upon him the position of a servant.
- Have you ever noticed that it is Jesus who serves others? Not others who serve Jesus.
- The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
- Look, I've done the work of a servant. And that's what I want you, my apostles. And I want you to teach others to be of the same attitude.

3 He Humbled Himself and Became Obedient unto Death

Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 12:2; Hebrews 5:8–9

- It is no small thing that the Son of God walked as a servant on this earth and died on the cross.
- There was more to it than even the physical death, for he died in our place.
- If it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not my will.
- Though he were a son, yet learned the obedience by the things which he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey him.

4 Examples of Those Who Had the Submissive Mind

Philippians 2:16–18; Philippians 2:19–24; Philippians 2:25–30

- He was in prison, but he wasn't complaining about it, was he?
- Paul, are you willing to be submissive? Meaning, even to death? Even in prison? Even when others don't understand you? Yes. Why? Because Christ is first in my life.
- I have no man like minded who would naturally care for your state. All seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ.
- I can count on Timothy. Why? Because Timothy has a submissive mind. He put Christ first also.
- For the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life to supply your lack of service toward me.

5 In Putting Christ First, There's a Reward

Philippians 2:9–11

- In putting Christ first, there's a reward for it.
- Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.
- There'll be a time when every knee shall bow before him. Exalted? Yes. Because God is in control.

MY NOTES