

THE EXALTED CHRIST

(Philippians 2:9-11)

I. PAUL'S EXHORTATION FOR UNITY MARKED BY HUMILITY (2:1-4)

II. THE HUMILIATION OF JESUS CHRIST (2:5-8)

III. THE EXALTATION OF JESUS CHRIST (2:9-11)

* Even though it may seem paradoxical, the way up is down for the believer. (Matt. 23:12; 1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10)

A. The connective "*Therefore*" tells us that Christ's _____ is directly _____ to His submissive humiliation to the will of the Father. (2:9a)

B. The unique verb "*highly exalted*" means to lift _____ and _____; and it is only used here in the New Testament, and only of our Lord. (2:9b)

1. No created being would ever dare to sit on the throne of God, nor at the exalted place of honor at the _____; only Jesus who is God is qualified. (Heb. 1:3)

2. If you are saved, you have been _____ with the humiliation of Jesus, as well as His gloriously and powerful _____. (Rom. 6:3-9)

3. Believers who continually look back and worry about their past sins, are Christians who are _____ recognizing their celebrated _____ in the preeminent, exalted Christ. (Rom. 8:33-39)

C. Jesus' name is attached to His _____ and His _____, and so it denotes unsurpassed supremacy. (2:9c)

1. In the Old Testament a "*name*" would often represent the total person, and it would characterize one's _____, _____ or personality (e.g. Jacob's 12 sons).

2. In recognition of Christ's monumental achievement it is His _____
"Jesus" that sums up both His humiliation at the cross and His _____ over death.

D. It is the Savior's earthly name that He carried with Him to heaven, and it is at this name every person will _____ and _____ in humble reverence. (2:10a; Isa. 45:23; Rom. 14:11)

This reverence is seen in at least three classifications...

1. "*those in heaven...*" speaks of the souls of those who have been _____ by His grace and in all probability the angels as well (v. 10b)
2. "*and of those on earth...*" identifies the _____ people living on earth (v. 10c)
3. "*and of those under the earth...*" is a description of the _____ souls who have been residing in _____, and in addition the fallen angels (v. 10d)

E. On that day, every being will ultimately confess either _____ or _____ that the Messiah, Savior, the unique God-Man is Lord. (2:11)

1. For the saved and for the good angels, to acknowledge the deity and efficacious work of Christ will be an aspect of _____, praise and _____.
2. For the unredeemed and the fallen angels to confess the sovereignty of Jesus will be an admittance of guilt, and to their own deserving of _____ and everlasting _____ in the Lake of Fire.
3. This "confession" has the underlining purpose to _____ God the Father, who is always pleased when His _____ receives the preeminence.

* How petty the Philippians' selfish differences must have seemed after Paul described the horrific humiliation and the magnificent exaltation of the Son of the Most High.