

MODULE 3.1 CHRIST



INTRODUCTION

Describe a time when you saw your name in a light that made you and your loved ones proud *[it may have been on a report card, a newspaper clipping, a sports achievement, etc...]*

EXAMINING THE PIECES

Paul is starting chapter 2 by addressing how people in the body of Christ should relate to one another. And in so doing, there is no better example than the humility of Christ. But, more than an example, this passage points to the splendor and beauty of our Savior. And, as is mentioned in CruDoctrine, to see Him is to become like Him.

As Paul called these Philippian believers to have the same mind as Christ, according to verses 5-8, how would you describe that mindset?

What made this mindset so radical? In other words, what rights did Christ have that He willingly gave up? *[be sure to point out that not only did he give up heavenly rights, but he also gave up rights on earth as well - the right to be treated fairly, the right to maintain perfect fellowship with the father, etc...]*

According to 1 Peter 2:22-23, what kept Jesus going?

According to Philippians 1:9, what did God do in response to Jesus' perfect humility and obedience?

What does it mean that his name is above every name?

What's the point?

Paul's mission statement for his life is, "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

(Philippians 3:10-11 ESV)

Even just reading Paul's letters, he can never go more than just a few verses without talking about Christ. And, more than Paul, Jesus himself would say that all the scripture points to Him as the centerpiece (John 5:39).

Throughout this study, we will look at Philippians 2:5-11 to seek to gain greater clarity on this Jesus with the view to making Him more of the centerpiece of our lives.

What's the problem?

The problem is that we usually don't like anything or anyone that competes for the honor and glory that we so desperately crave for ourselves. In other words, we want to make a name for ourselves and we crave the glory that only belongs to God. As a result, in our lives, we will subtly and sometimes not so subtly dethrone the one who's name is above all names.

According to v. 10-11, what is the result of Jesus having the name above all names?

At the end of v. 10, who ultimately looks good through the humiliation and exultation of Christ? Why do you think that is?

So What?

All of us love our little moments of glory (as we discussed in the opening question), but deep within us is an ongoing craving to make our name great and receive glory. How do you see that show up in your own life?

How does this craving affect the big things in your life - your relationships; what you spend your time pursuing or not pursuing; your hobbies; and ultimately your relationship with God?

How does seeing the humiliation and exultation of Christ put things in right perspective?

What would it look like in your life to crave His name and glory than your name and glory?

What's the solution?

As we see Christ in both his humility and glory, we are inclined to give Him His rightful place in our own lives - the one whose name is above all names - who transforms our cravings for our own name and glory into a craving for more of Him in our lives.

What's our response?

We are called to own our tendency to make a name for ourselves and seek our own glory and turn to Christ, believing that His name alone is our heart's satisfaction. And, only as His name and glory are what we crave can we find in Him our satisfaction.