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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD
TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER**

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SCRIPTURE READING: **PHILIPPIANS 2:8-11**

Philippians 2:11, And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Today I will be preaching from the **Book of Philippians**, written by the Apostle Paul between AD 60 and AD 62.
- b. I take the position that this Epistle was written from prison in Rome where Paul wrote three other Epistles.
- c. Those Epistles being **Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon**.
- d. This Epistle, from Paul to the Philippians, was written to believers in Europe in the city of Philippi.
- e. This letter came as a wonderful testimony of Paul's relationship with the Philippian church.
- f. As a matter of fact, it seems this church was closer to the Apostle Paul than any of the other churches he planted.
- g. Their love for him was so strong and his response to that love is reflected throughout this Epistle.
- h. Philippians deals with Christian experience at a level on which all believers should enjoy. **John 10:10, The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**
- i. We will find out today how to live this abundant life.
- j. This type of abundant living is where the Lord Jesus Christ wants each believer to be continually as we journey through this life. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Rejoice evermore. 17: Pray without ceasing. 18: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**
- k. Paul visited Philippi on his second missionary journey.
 1. He was traveling with Barnabas on the first missionary journey as they went into Galatia territory.
 2. They were a wonderful missionary team and founded many churches in spite of all the persecution they encountered.
 3. Paul attempted to visit these churches on his second missionary journey; however, Barnabas wanted to take his nephew John Mark, but John Mark turned back for some reason on the first missionary journey and Paul did not think it was a good idea to include him.
 4. This conflict split this missionary team and Paul took Silas and Barnabas took John Mark and they went in different directions. The mission of each team was highly effective and God used them mightily.
 5. It seems that Paul intended to widen the missionary circle that he encountered on his previous missionary journey because of the great population and the highly civilized inhabitants. Remember the Apostle Paul always wanted to develop new territories where Christ had not been named.
 6. Actually, the Greek culture and Greek learning was centered there.
 7. Dr. Luke records in the **Book of Acts** Paul's attempt to go south into the providence of Asia of which Ephesus was the leading city.
 8. When Paul attempted to go south the Spirit of God put a roadblock in his way. **Acts 16:6, Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden**

of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

9. We are to never question the timing of Almighty God; He is always on time.
10. Although he could not go south, Paul thought he would travel north, however God had other plans.
11. **Acts 16:7** says, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.
12. So, we see Paul neither could go south nor could he go north. He came from the east so there was only one direction left for him to travel and that was west.
13. He went west as far as Troas, to go further would have required him to board a ship so Paul waited there for instructions from God. **Acts 16:8**, And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.
14. Sometimes we feel like God has forsaken us when He requires us to wait. Remember His grace is sufficient. **2 Corinthians 12:9**, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
15. I can tell you from previous experience, we have to learn to wait on the Lord.
16. The Bible says in **Isaiah 40:31**, But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
17. We have to continue to do what God has called us to do in our particular locale as we wait on further instructions from Him as did the Apostle Paul.
18. The orders from God finally came by a vision in the night. **Acts 16:9-10**, And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. 10: And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.
19. Paul and his companions, Silas, Timothy and Dr. Luke boarded a ship and took off for the continent of Europe.
20. What a blessing it was to see that God had called the Apostle Paul to preach the Gospel in Europe. **Acts 16:12**, And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.
- l. Paul's first encounter in Philippi is recorded in **Acts 16:13-15**, And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. 14: And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. 15: And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.
- m. Paul's first convert was not a man of Macedonia but was in fact a woman named Lydia holding a prayer meeting down by the river.
- n. Prayer is a powerful tool and it is great that Paul was able to be under girded with prayer as this woman was a great encouragement to him.
- o. Lydia was now a member of the Philippian church, since she had been saved and scripturally baptized.
- p. There were also other members of this church worthy of note.
 1. There was a girl who was delivered from demon possession. **Acts 16:16-18**, And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. 18: And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.
 2. Another member of this church was a Philippian jailer whom Paul and Silas had witnessed to. They were in jail because this woman who had a demon brought her master much income. After salvation, this master being deprived of his income threw Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail. **Acts 16:19**, And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, Acts 16:23-24, And when

*they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: **24: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.***

3. God intervened and the jailer was miraculously saved. **Acts 16:29-31, Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30: And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 34: And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.**
4. We are told later about Paul being arrested in Jerusalem and the Philippian church losing sight of him for two years, the minute they found out he was in prison in Rome, they immediately called their pastor Epaphroditus and dispatched him to that location. He finally returned to Philippi bearing the Epistle to the Philippians. **Philippians 4:18, But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.**
- q. Paul wrote this Epistle to thank the church and express his love towards them; he had no doctrine to correct in this church as he did in the Epistle to the Galatians, neither was there any confusion of doctrine to address as had been in the church of Corinth.
- r. There was only a small ripple in the stream in the Philippian church that involved two women who were having problems, and Paul spoke to that issue not considering it a very serious matter but he did straighten it out and challenged them to be like-minded, putting their eyes on the Lord and His Work and not the circumstance. **Philippians 4:2, I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.** The use of the Preserved Word of God by the Apostle Paul is a great example of how to handle problems in the local church.
- s. His letter to the Philippian believer is a great Epistle espousing Christian experience and we will be considering this today at some length.
- t. Several additional themes contained in this mighty book are:
 1. A quitter never wins. A winner never quits.
 2. What goes into our mind comes out in our actions. **Romans 12:2, 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.**
 3. **God never fails; He is always right on time.**
 4. **Lasting joy comes only through a relationship and fellowship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Psalm 51:12, Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.**
 5. Christians also have problems, but Christ has the power to overcome each and every one of them as we turn to Him for guidance. **1 Corinthians 10:13, There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Colossians 2:10, And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:**
 6. We have no basis for pride; our perfect example is reflected **in the mind of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ** who gives us the perfect solution.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the December 12, 2021 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- h. **And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself.**
 1. **Philippians 2:8, And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**
 2. The **fifth step** downward in having **the mind of Christ and being found in fashion as a man he humbled himself.**
 3. Jesus became like you and I, born a babe in a manger, lived thirty-three years and fulfilled all of God's laws and requirements. **Matthew 5:17, Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**
 4. **The Lord Jesus Christ indeed died for your sin and mine on the cross. Hebrews 7:26, For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made**

higher than the heavens;

5. The **sixth step** downward of having **the mind of Christ** is **became obedient unto death.**
6. Death is a very humiliating thing. It is a natural thing. The Bible tells us in **Job 14:1, Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.**
7. It also tells us we all have an appointment with death one of these days. **Hebrews 9:27, And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**
8. The Lord Jesus Christ tasted death for every single man, woman, and child on Earth. As **John 10:15** tells us, **As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.** And in **John 10:17-18, Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18: No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. Hebrews 2:9, 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.**
9. The **seventh step** downward in having **the mind of Christ** is **even the death of the Cross.**
10. The Lord Jesus Christ was obedient unto death even the death of the cross.
11. This should make a great impact upon the consciousness of mankind. **1 Peter 2:24, Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**
12. However, many will die and go to hell because they will not accept the gift of Salvation that the Lord Jesus purchased on the cross. There will be multitudes of good people who will die and go to hell. **Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
13. **1 John 5:11-12, And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**
14. Having looked into great detail of the seven steps downward that our Lord took to save mankind we would conclude that it is the death the burial and the resurrection that is God's method of salvation. Let's turn our attention to the seven steps upward that Jesus Christ has taken as he is exalted by the Heavenly Father. He expects us as believers to bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

i. Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him.

1. **Philippians 2:9, Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:**
2. The **first step** upward **"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him",**
3. Notice the Holy Spirit speaks not of Himself but of the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 16:13, 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.**
4. The supreme purpose of God in the entire universe is to bring glory to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
5. Jesus in turn, gets the glory in Earth; God the Father gets the glory in Heaven.
6. In the Earth man rebelled against God; Adam willfully disobeyed God and plunged the whole human race into sin.
7. The significant thing is the Lord Jesus Christ had to come to redeem sinful mankind.
9. The **second step** upward is **"given him a name which is above every name:"**
10. A name is very important.
11. People love to be referred to by their name.
12. However, we find that many will take the Lord's name in vain.
13. You have heard this on many occasions.
14. **I want you to know that God the Father has given the Lord Jesus a name which is above every name on the face of the Earth.**
15. This means He is indeed the Saviour of the world.
16. **Jesus was the only one who was qualified to open the Book. Revelation 5:2-3, And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3: And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. 5: And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not:**

behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. **Revelation 1:18, I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

17. The name of Jesus will be exalted above every name on the face of the Earth. **Revelation 22:13, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.**
18. **There is no way we can lose our salvation because Jesus Christ is above all.**

j. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.

1. **Philippians 2:10, That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;**
2. The **third step** upward is at the name of "**Jesus every knee should bow.**"
3. This does not mean that everyone is automatically going to be saved. Note: it says that every knee SHOULD bow not everyone will bow and receive Jesus Christ as Saviour.
4. Jesus was Saviour in the manger. **Matthew 1:21, And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.**
5. Jesus came to die for all of mankind. **John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**
6. We find in **Matthew 1:22-23, Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23: Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**
7. We can see that Jesus Christ took on the form of a man.
8. "**Every knee should bow**" means every individual is afforded an opportunity to be saved. Whosoever will may come and bow to the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. The **fourth step** upward is "**of things in heaven**" Means Jesus as God is in total control of whatever happens in Heaven. Jesus as God is seated at the right hand of the Father. Remember the Scripture saith He and the Father are one. **John 10:30, I and my Father are one.**
10. **There is no question that Jesus gave up His position at the right hand of the Father to come and die for sinful mankind.**
11. **He is the only one who is qualified to forgive sin and to be seated at the right hand of the Father to make intercessions for believers.**
12. The **Fifth step** upward is "**And things in earth,**" - Having established the fact that Jesus as God is in total control of what happens in Heaven, He is also in total control of what happens on earth.
13. There has been question sometimes, question about whether the Lord is going to destroy the Earth.
14. He is going to renovate it by fire; and that renovation will include burning out the impurities as Jesus sits on the Throne of David and rules and reigns in Righteousness; Satan will be bound during this period.
15. Remember the land belongs to Israel.
16. The **sixth step** upward is "**And things under the earth;**" - This is used by people to support a theory that everybody ultimately will be saved.
17. This is absolutely not what this verse is about.
18. All judgment has been committed to the Son as mentioned in **John 5:22, For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:**
19. Judas Iscariot is lost forever; Satan will be lost forever; they will not be walking down the street of Heaven by any stretch of the imagination.
20. We need to look at the truth of **Colossians 1:20** which states, **And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.** It should be noted that in this verse things under the earth are not included for salvation.
21. This speaks of Satan and his followers who are doomed forever.
22. If one slips into eternity without Christ, there is no chance for salvation.
23. The blood of Christ is what washes away all sin and we must be saved; our faith has to be in the blood of Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 9:22, And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

k. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1. **Philippians 2:11, And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**
2. The **seventh step** upward is "**every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**"
3. Every tongue should confess means that there is no question that Jesus is interested in all of mankind.
4. **John 3:16** is proof of that. **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**
5. There is no unpardonable sin other than to reject God's plan of Salvation. This is the sin of unbelief, my friend, that will take anyone straight to hell.
6. Do not draw from this that every tongue should confess means that everyone will receive salvation it is only those who have received the record that God hath given of His Son. **1 John 5:11-12, And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**
7. It is interesting that even in Hell they must recognize the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
8. We should not get too familiar with the Lord Jesus attempting to bring Him down to our level.
9. God has already told us that His name is above every name on the face of the Earth.
10. He is really not our pal, buddy, our co-pilot or the man upstairs and so forth; He is indeed our Saviour, Lord of the entire universe and we need to give Him that kind of respect!
11. **Matthew 7:23, And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**
12. He is indeed a friend of mankind; there is no question about that. He tells us in **John 15:14, Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.**
13. We can call Him our friend, but we need to understand He is our Saviour as well.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Would you come to the Living Saviour today?
- b. He is ready to save your soul. The Bible indicates in **Matthew 11:28-29, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Leviticus 17:11, For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**
- c. **1 Kings 18:21, And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.**
- d. Truly the Lord Jesus Christ is God! He was God in the beginning, He was God in the manger, He was God in the Garden of Gethsemane and He was God on the cross, He is God as He rose from the grave, He is God as He sits at the right hand of the Father.
- e. Would you come to Jesus and accept Him as your personal Saviour?
- f. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- g. Please Stand.

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