

Philippians – Lesson 3

Who Do You Think You Are?

Verses to Remember

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13 KJV)

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:5-11 KJV)

Philippians 2: 1-11

1. What is the most humbling thing Jesus did that is mentioned in verses 5-11?

2. Do you think it was difficult for Jesus to do those things?

3. When Jesus demonstrated humility, what happened as a result?

4. Why do you think Paul brings up Jesus here? Does it seem like an interruption to his train of thought?

5. How do you make sense out of verses 1-4 and verses 5-11?

Philippians 2: 12-18

1. What does it mean to “work out your salvation?”

2. Why do you think verse 12 says for us to work out our salvation, and then in verse 13 it says God works in us?

3. Why do you think Paul uses the words "fear and trembling" to describe this whole process?

4. What is the ultimate goal in verses 14 through 18? What does Paul want us to become?

5. Verse 18 seems to indicate that despite the sacrifice of humility and servitude, joy is the result. How can humility result in joy?

6. What do you guys know about drink offerings? What is Paul getting at?

7. How is Paul's idea here like the pouring out of Jesus' life described in verses 5-11?

Workbook Activity (10 minutes)

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

Break up into groups of 4 or 5, and discuss the following questions with the other members of your group.

- What's the most humiliating thing that has ever happened to you?
- When that humiliating thing happened, how did you feel?
- Was joy anywhere near you when you had that happen?
- How then can joy and humility co-exist?
- Does James 4:10 offer any comfort? Explain.

Homework:

- Memorize Philippians 2: 13 and Philippians 2:5-11.
- Look for different ways to practice humility this week.
- Thank God for the people he has brought into your life who have been an encouragement to you.