

## **Bible Study**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

### **Read Philippians 2:1-11**

1. What attitudes and blessings does 2:1 encourage us to participate in? List and define each.
2. What should these attitudes and blessings produce in the lives of God's people – 2:2? Is unity just a matter of doctrinal correctness, or does it also require proper attitudes? Explain.
3. In order to have unity, what should not motivate our conduct – 2:3? How do these improper attitudes hinder unity in a congregation?
4. To have proper unity, how should we view others – 2:3,4? Explain how these attitudes will promote unity in a congregation.
5. Many translations of 2:3 say we should count others better than ourselves. Check other translations, and explain the meaning of this idea.
6. Where should we learn the proper attitude that Paul is encouraging – 2:5? Explain. (Note that verse 5 introduces the specific way that Jesus showed us an example in verses 6-8. These verses should be studied together as a unit.)

7. What position did Jesus have from eternity – 2:6? Compare “form of God” (2:6) with “the form of a servant” (2:7). What can you learn about the meaning of the term “form” as used here?

8. Special Assignment: List other passages about the deity of Jesus. Did Jesus truly possess the nature of God? Explain and prove your answer.

9. Notice Hebrews 13:8. If Jesus possessed the nature of deity, could He lose that nature or the qualities that are essential to that nature? Did Jesus still possess deity on earth? Explain.

10. List various translations of the last part of 2:6. Explain the significance of grasping equality with God or thinking equality with God to be robbery as in these translations (note v7).

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11. List various translations of the first part of 2:7. (Think: Once again, is it possible for deity to lose the characteristics or nature of deity?)

12. Special Assignment: Study the first part of 2:7 in light of the rest of verses 7,8. In what sense does the passage say that Jesus emptied Himself or made Himself of no reputation?

13. In what way did Jesus demonstrate humility according to 2:7,8? What lessons should we learn from this according to the context in 2:1-5?

14. List other passages about the humanity of Jesus. Was Jesus really a man on earth? Was He really God on earth?

15. What position has Jesus been given because of what He did – 2:9? Explain. (Think: How is the word “name” used in verses 9,10?)

16. What honor will men give Jesus for what He has done – 2:10,11?