

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 & Proverbs 8
Singing: 266:1-3 – 141:1-2 – 47:1-3, 6 – 184:1, 6-7 – 51:1-3

Let Us Study Philippians (16)

Intro: Character is like a tree and reputation its shadow. (A. Lincoln)

THE GLORY OF THE MIND OF JESUS CHRIST (2)

I. Ready to forgo His own glory II. Ready to humble Himself

Review: He was ready to forgo His own glory

A. Christ's glory in vs. 5-6 is His *pre-incarnate* mind

1. He did not cling to His heavenly position and comfort
 - a. Proverbs 8:30; John 1:18; 2 Cor. 8:9

B. God's purpose in disclosing this glory: *transformation* (vs. 5)

II. Ready to humble Himself

A. His 'making of Himself of no reputation' consisted of ...

1. The Master took upon the form of a servant: vs. 7a (Is. 6:1-3 – John 12:41)
 - a. compare 'form' in vs. 6 & 7

2. The Divine was made in likeness of men: vs. 7b-8a (John 1:14)

a. He assumed a real human nature (Mark. 6:3)

b. though His human nature was sinless (Luke 1:34-35), it was not in Adam's perfection

- Rom. 8:3: *made in the likeness of sinful flesh*
- Is. 52-53

c. as a human, He passed through every aspect of human life

- Heb. 4:15; Matt. 4:1-11

d. as a human, He lived in a condition most of us never lived in

3. The Incarnate Son was willing to be cursed as a sinner (vs. 18)
a. to be in the flesh was already humbling but He went far deeper

- He was *obedient* unto the **cross** death (John 10:18; 18:11)

- the cross death was not only *painful* but *curse-full* (Gal. 3:13)

b. His obedience knew no bounds because of His boundless love

Living these truths ...

A. Let's stand pause to ponder this *astounding love!*

1. of the Father in giving the Son of His bosom for undeserving sinners

2. of the Son in giving Himself for poor and guilty sinners

B. Saints and servants: Are we content to follow Him in His living out of vs. 2-4?

THOUGHTS AND TRUTHS ABOUT SELF-DENIAL

They that deny themselves for Christ shall enjoy themselves in Christ. (Mason)

To deny yourself things is vastly different than to deny yourself. (Rogers)

**To die to our own comforts, ambitions and plans is the very essence of
Christianity.**

It is easier to give anything than to give ourselves.
