

“Attitudes that Exalt”

Philippians 2:5-11

Forest Hills Baptist Church

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1. The Commanded Attitude

LIKE CHRIST- Vs. 5

2. The Blessed Example

HUMILITY- Vs. 6-8

3. The Ultimate Result

EXAULTATION- Vs. 9-11

Future July Sermons

- Next week- “The Love Story of Hosea”- a dramatic sermon
- July 29- “Heaven: would Tom Sawyer want to go there?”
- Discovery Class- “Knowing God”

First, A Foundational Doctrine:

The Deity of Christ-

Philippians 2:6

“Who, being in the very nature
God...”

The Deity (Godhood) of Jesus Christ is clearly taught...

His names:

“Emmanuel” – Isa. 7:14 &
Matt. 1:23

“I Am” – John 8:58

His words:

“I and the Father are one”

John 10:30

His actions:

-He forgives sin -Mark 2:10

-He receives worship -John 20:28

The statements of other Scriptures:

“In the beginning was the Word...” John 1

“...Christ, who is God over all...” Rom. 9:5

*“For God was pleased to have all His
fullness dwell in him...” Colossians 1:19*

“...about the Son he {God, the Father} says,

‘Your throne, O God, will last forever.

Hebrews 1:6

His miracles:

including power over nature,
disease, and death

His attributes such as...

sinlessness,

omnipotence,

immutability

Jesus Christ is God. Yet Jesus set the ultimate example of humility.

“Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn’t think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human!

Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion.”

from The Message

The White Witch from “The Chronicles of Narnia”

- *“How stupid for someone to give his life for another!”*
- But God gives us the opposite

“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble”
James 4:7

“Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will lift you up.”
James 4:10

*“What humbles me,
helps me.”*

-My friend, Pastor Don Denyes

Lets follow the example of the humility and
patience of Jesus

- *“Only by pride comes contention” (arguing) -Proverbs*
- *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”*

-Philippians 2:3

Consider the generosity of Jesus.

*“For you know the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that you through his poverty
might become rich.”*

-II Cor. 8:9

Article 😊

“Someone took my seat in church today”

and the challenge of
“change”

The story does not end with the humility of Christ or His generosity, but with his exaltation...

“Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out praise that he is Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.”

Reasons to be “encouraged in the Lord” today

- The good news of the Gospel
- Our acceptance in Christ
- What God is doing in the world now
- The fact that God can use us
- The reality of heaven

Conclusion

“The Visited Planet”

by J. B. Phillips