Philippians 5:1-11

- I. Made for glory
 - A. We were made for greatness
 - B. We experience futility
 - C. Shame to glory
 - D. Embracing the glory given
- II. The humiliation of Jesus Christ
 - A. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus
 - B. Who, though he was in the form of God
 - C. Did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped
 - D. But made himself nothing (see Romans 4:14; 1 Corinthians 1:17; 9:3, 15)
 - i. taking the form of a servant
 - ii. being born in the likeness of men (Hebrews 4:15; Romans 8:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - E. And being found in human form,
 - i. he humbled himself
 - ii. by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- III. The exaltation of Jesus Christ
 - A. Therefore God has highly exalted him (see Psalm 97:9; Isaiah 40:18; 44:7; Jeremiah 10:6)
 - B. And bestowed on him the name that is above every name (see Romans 10:9; also Acts 2:36; 9:3-5; 26:14; Isaiah 52:13; Daniel 7:13-14)
 - C. So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth
 - D. And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (see Isaiah 45:22-25)
- IV. Pursuing greatness
 - A. The pattern of thought and life for God's people
 - B. Humble yourself
 - C. No partitioning of life
 - D. What are you to do?
- V. The heart of the gospel: the Lord Jesus Christ
 - A. It is not ultimately about you and me
 - B. At God's heart is self-giving love for people who run away from him.
 - C. If you see this, you'll begin to follow Jesus Christ.
 - D. The good news is that God turned himself upside down in order to save us.
 - E. And that we now live under the throne he won by his cross.