

Eternal Son

Sunday, December 16, 2018 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 3: *The Eternal Son Stoops Low*

Philippians 2:5-11

We should live **HUMBLY**,

Philippians 2:5 (and v. 1-4)

Humility = “to know your place”

Romans 12:3, 10, 16; 1 Peter 5:5-6; 1 Peter 3:8

If you’re a Christian, your place is “In Jesus”

Col. 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Rom. 6:11; 8:1-2; 8:39; 1 Cor. 15:21-22; Gal. 3:26-28; Eph. 2:13

as **JESUS** lived—

Philippians 2:5-8

Jesus, the God-Man

100% Fully God

Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3

100% Fully Human

Philippians 2:7-8; John 1:14;

He lived (and lives) with humility – knowing his place

Matthew 20:28; John 13:4, 13-15; 2 Corinthians 8:9; John 8:49-58

the **KING** of **GLORY!**

Philippians 2:9-11

It's All About Jesus!

Philippians 2:9-11; 2 Peter 1:17; John 3:35; Hebrews 1:1-3

Confess him now... (because you will later!)

Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:11

1:10 Community Group **Homework**

Getting Started

1. Describe a time in your experience, or in the experience of someone you know, when life's direction was changed by one event or decision.?
2. **Read Philippians 2:5-11.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

During this series, our study will follow the traditional season of Advent, and reflect on Jesus' first (and second) coming.

When Mary met the angel she was probably about fourteen years old, as that is when betrothal and marriage took place at that time. **Read Luke 1:26-38.**

3. This passage chronicles some amazing events. What words and phrases give you an idea of what this experience was like for Mary?
4. The angel referred to Mary twice as "favored" by God (**v. 28, 30**). The word is based on the Greek word for "grace." What insight does that give you into why God chose Mary to give birth to Jesus?
5. Sit with the word "favored" for a moment. What would it be like to hear God call you "highly favored"?
6. What specific information does the angel Gabriel give to Mary about the son she would bear (**v. 31-33, 35**)?
7. Mary responds to the angel's declaration by asking how the promise would be fulfilled (**v. 34**). Do you think Mary's question was an expression of doubt? Explain.
8. What do you think would have been your response to a call from God for such a sacrifice?
9. **Read Luke 1:39-45.** In what way would the information given by the Holy Spirit to Elizabeth encourage Mary and strengthen her faith?
10. **Read Luke 1:46-56.** What aspects of God's character are mentioned in Mary's praise to God?
11. How does Mary describe herself in her poem to God?

Up Close

12. **Verse 37** says, "Nothing is impossible with God." In what area of your life do you need to embrace this teaching?
13. Ask God to build in you an attitude of humility and gratefulness like Mary.
14. As you reflect on God's goodness to you, you may want to write a song or poem or letter to God that expresses your joy in him. Then pray or sing or read what you have written. Share your "hymn" with your group or with a Christian friend..

Many of this week's questions are adapted from:
Cindy Bunch, ed., *Advent of the Savior: 6 Studies for Individuals or Groups: With Notes for Leaders, A LifeGuide Bible Study*
(Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2009), 15-19.

Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the "1:10" comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week, and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Syracuse Baptist Church.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

5 Have this **mind** among yourselves, which is yours in **Christ Jesus**, ⁶ who, though he was in the **form** of God, did not **count equality** with God a **thing to be grasped**, ⁷ but **emptied** himself, by **taking** the **form** of a **servant, being born** in the **likeness** of men. ⁸ And **being found** in **human form**, he **humbled** himself by **becoming obedient** to the **point of death, even death** on a **cross**. ⁹ **Therefore** God has **highly exalted** him and **bestowed** on him the **name** that is above **every name**, ¹⁰ so that at the **name** of **Jesus every knee** should bow, in **heaven** and on **earth** and under the **earth**, ¹¹ and **every tongue** **confess** that **Jesus Christ** is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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