

Philippians 2:5-8

Theanthropic

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There was five guys on an airplane, a small little aircraft.

- A boy – a preacher- doctor- lawyer – and the Pilot

So they're flying this little private airplane, and midway in the flight some problems happen.

A) So the pilot shouts back mayday, mayday! This plane's going down!

B) Problem: there's five passengers aboard but we only have four parachutes.

1) so you guys have to decide who's staying. I'm out of here. The pilot puts on parachute and jumps out

C) So the doctor immediately says, well I've saved so many lives in my lifetime I deserve to live.

1) He grabbed a parachute and jumped out

Then the lawyer said, well I'm the smartest guy in the world, so I deserve one.

A) He grabbed a pack and jumped out.

B) So now there's two people left, and one parachute. There's the preacher and there's the little boy.

C) So the preacher says to the little boy, look. You have your whole life ahead of you.

1) Me, I've lived a good long life. And when I die I know I'm going to heaven.

D) So you take the last parachute and you jump.

E) And the little boy smiles, and said, relax preacher, the smartest guy in the world just jumped out of the airplane with my backpack.

Study last time Relationships that would be worthy of the Gospel

- Put off Selfish ambition and Pride
- Put on Humility
- Value others above yourself
- Show interest in the things that interest others

V.5 – Paul is going to give us the ultimate example of that

A) Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

B) Jesus who was the smartest – the greatest – the best - made himself the Lowest –

C) Philippians 2 been called the MT Everest of Scripture.

1) Paints this incredible view of the work of Christ – the person of Christ

D) Two weeks to cover it – today – We are going to see his emptying

1) Next week we will look at his Exaltation –

E) Today – We Jesus left behind – Next week – what He gained upon his return to glory

Taking notes – 4 points today

#1 His Majesty - ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God,

A) Now when we hear the word form - we think of an outward form.

B) We think of size, and we think of shape, but that is not the word that is used.

1) If Paul wanted to talk about outward form, he would have used the Greek word schema.

C) The thing about Schema or the outward form is it is always changing.

1) Some of us it is changing every week – Our look our weight - after lunch today – RIGHT?

That is Schema – but that is not the word that Paul uses –

A) PAUL uses the word Morphe – which speaks of essence, nature, and character.

B) JESUS was the exact essence and nature and character of the father

C) The Book of Hebrews gives us insight – when it says this of Jesus
Hebrews 1:3 tells us, “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.”

Note that Jesus is not a mere reflector of God’s glory. A) He is “the radiance,” the one who radiates the glory of God!

B) Imprint - Today we would say – He was a perfect match in his finger print – or his DNA

C) So what Paul is saying using this term *being in the form of God*.

1) is that Jesus Christ possessed the unchangeable essential **nature, character and glory** of God -

D) Paul is taking us into the throne of heaven – pre- incarnation –

1) and telling us – this is how Jesus existed! – The very essence, nature, character and glory of God

Note – one more thing - who being in the form of God...

A) That phrase in English is referred to as a present active participle – meaning Jesus never stopped being the essence of God

B) That is why Jesus could say: **if you have seen me you have seen the Father –**

1) Fully God – in essence, in nature, in Character.

C) But Wait you Bible students say: Didn’t God tell Moses – that no one can see my face and live?

1) That seems like a contradiction – Jesus said- **Seen me seen the Father –**

Jesus as a man bore the essence nature and character of the Father –

A) He never stopped being in the Form of God

B) Except for one thing- His glory – His glory was concealed in his humanity

1) A glimpse at the MT of transfiguration – Matthew

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C) But the rest of the time His glory was never seen outwardly.

D) That is what God meant when He said – Moses – Can’t see my face – kill you –

1) the glory so bright – so majestic kill you

Jesus allowed his glory to be concealed in his humanity!

A) His Human body concealed his glory

B) This is what theologians call this the *the/an/thropic nature of Christ*.

1) So theos = God, anthropos = man,

C) *the/an/thropic* = fully God, fully man, fully God,

The one who made our planet – who spoke the Milky Way galaxies into existence

A) There are 100 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy

B) And Scientist say there are 100 billion other galaxies beside that

1) Jesus spoke the world into existence

C) There are 800,000 cataloged insects that crawl on the earth! – He made those –

1) Some – we have no idea why?

D) The one who made it all – stepped into our world took on flesh and blood

1) That’s why he could stand before the waves in the sea and tell them to be still - **And it says the winds and the sea obeyed Him.**

E) He could do that, because He had the authority to do that as creator God. –

He had authority over sickness and disease – but the hands that touched the leper had dirt under his nails

A) Fully Human –

B) The tongue that called for Lazarus out the grave was Fully Human

C) The tears that he shed over weeping over the city of Jerusalem were Human tears

The/an/thropic = fully God, fully man,

A) Learned a Greek word to share with friends at work – tomorrow

B) So the first thing Paul's puts before us – Is the majesty and glory of Jesus – he possessed in heaven

#2 His Emptying: ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

A) Now at first glance that can seem like an odd statement: - **He did not consider it Robbery to be equal with God.**

B) To rob someone is to take something that doesn't belong to you.

1) That is A definition of robbery

C) But another definition in that culture: A Prize - a treasure to be clutched & retained at all cost.

D) This is the way that Paul is using it

That Jesus being in the form of God – did not view his position or being equal to the Father as something he had to hold onto and not let go of.

A) Think of it this way: When the idea was presented that Jesus would leave Heaven – come to earth –

B) He would come not in his glory but as a man

1) Jesus didn't respond – no way – I am not doing that !

C) I am not laying aside all of this- to go down there 1) And If I go down there they are going to know exactly who I am – Royalty Majesty

D) At least some aspect of my glory is going to be seen.

E) No Jesus was willing to be emptied! – notice how Paul puts it - ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, , and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man

So How was he emptied? 1st He emptied himself of his glory: - He didn't glow

A) He wasn't the best looking – People Mag

B) Glimpse at MT transfiguration

C) Paul Got a glimpse on the Road to Damascus – a light brighter than the sun at noon – day – blinded

D) This is why he prays in John 17 verse 5. He says and now, Father, glorify me together with yourself with the glory which I had with you before the world was.

E) He longed to come back into that setting – His glory would be on display again

So he was emptied #1 of His glory #2 He was emptied of his independent authority

A) **V.7 taking the form of a bondservant – bondservant was a willing servant – 7 yrs – pledge to his master**

B) **Taking the form – same word – the full essence and nature of a servant a slave**

1) Jesus wasn't pretending –

C) Sometimes **I can pretend to be a servant – Help around the house – I really don't want to**

1) **Rather watch the game – but I do it – peace – I do it because that is expected – good husband**

D) Over the years – **My wife has seen my reluctance**

She – doesn't want to deal with my attitude

1) So she has chosen to do things by herself – things no business doing – { Moving recliner – ET center

E) **Sometimes – I just don't feel like serving others**

1) I do it because it is expected – usually my heart in the process changes

F) Sometimes I pretend to be a servant – heart – no

Jesus wasn't pretending – he took on the full essence of being a servant – ALL IN

A) **Vision statement: I didn't come to be served but to serve and to give my life a ransom for many/Mk 10:45**

B) He was fully into it – His mission and mindset was SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

C) V.8 He became obedient.....

1) That is while he was on the earth, he completely submitted to his father's will.

D) Jesus in John 5 said, I do not seek my own will. I seek the will of Him who sent me.

E)He was emptied of his independent authority

**1)His rights His needs – His Desire – I AM
ABOUT MY FATHERS BUSINESS**

**So this is the Picture that Paul is painting for us –
this is where Jesus was- Glory – heaven –**

A)Equal with the Father – but he left all of that

**B)He emptied himself – glory concealed – put on
humanity – made himself – no reputation**

**C)He emptied himself – of his independent
authority
made himself subject to his father**

D)Paul is continuing to build this picture

**#3 His ultimate Humility and Obedience V.8 He
humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of
death, even the death of the cross.**

A)He Humbled himself:

B)Note that: No one humbled him!

**1)Herod did not humble him. Pilate did not humble
him. The high priest did not humble him.**

**C)The Romans did not humble him. Jesus
“humbled himself.”**

**D)The humblest man who ever lived is Christ
himself, the God-man.**

1)No other man or woman has even come close!

E)Let this mind be in you... Christ Jesus

He submitted himself to his fathers plan –

A)That is what love does

**B)Plan included dying the most scandalous of
deaths—“even death on a cross”**

C)Cross was reserved for the worst criminals

**1) Roman society considered the mention of the cross
to be an obscenity.**

**D)Humanity had not created a more degrading or
loathsome experience than this.**

**Stripped naked — Hands and feet nailed – hoisted
put on display**

A)Slow death – In Jesus case it took six hrs

**B)Die by asphyxiation- Push up on the platform
for your feet – Catch a breath**

**1)Every time you pushed – nail rip through your
feet excruciating pain**

**C)Pretty soon – so exhausted – you couldn’t push
anymore.**

1)Too painful – too tired

**D)Sometimes – to speed up the process – they
would break the legs – no longer push**

E)Jesus case – He was already dead –

**1)It was time: He cried – IT IS FINISHED
breathed his last – DONE –**

**Remember: All of this is framed in the idea saw in
Chapter 1:27 Walk worthy – weigh as much –
gospel**

**A)All of this is framed – Let this mind be in you
that we see in Jesus**

**B)And I think all of us – would say – how am I
supposed to do that? – this is hard**

**C)We can learn something from Jesus – why I
asked you to turn to John – 12 – keep your place
here –Phil**

John 12 – lesson -

²⁰Now there were certain Greeks among those who
came up to worship at the feast. ²¹Then they came to
Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked
him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

²²Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn
Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

²³But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour
has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.
First time he said this –

Follow with a lesson from nature -

²⁴Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of
wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone;
but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵He who loves
his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this
world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves
Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My
servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My
Father will honor.

²⁷“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say?

‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Your name.”

Chose the Fathers glory over His own -

A few days later – Jesus is in the Garden of Gethsemane –

E) You remember what Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane – great anguish

1) Any way – let this cup pass from me ... my will

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Here is what we are reminded of – You and I exist to bring God Glory!

A) The example of Jesus – Choose the fathers glory over my glory

B) The fathers glory over my comfort

C) Obedient to the fathers mission and plan – over my plan and mission

D) It is seeing the big picture –

I do that – like Jesus – I will have a Willingness to die to my self and serve others instead of serving self

A) Put away – My entitlement mentality – that voice in my head – that says – you deserve a break today

B) Heart says: Lord – I want to bring you glory –

C) Why would I want to do that –

Back to Philippians

#4 HIS Exaltation –

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father

Here is what we learn from the example of Jesus – the way up is down!

A) Humble ourselves – submit ourselves

B) Matthew 23:12 - And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

C) If not exalted here – you will be there!

D) Jesus went to the cross – Died for our sins –

1) Three days later Rose again -

E) 40 days later – Ascended – returned to Heaven

1) Imagine the welcome home RECEPTION HE GOT

Do that - Next week – Palm Sunday – Contrast the triumphal entry –

A) with His Return to Heaven – Real triumphal entry

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B) But before we go today – notice v. ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father

C) There is a day coming – Every knee bow – every tongue confess – NOT SAVED TODAY

IF you are a Christian already – We need to bow the knee – Humility – Say – YOUR WAY JESUS

A) Your way over my way – marriage – serve my spouse – my kids – YOUR GLORY

B) Your way – over my way in my business – SERVANT LEADER

C) YOUR WAY over my way – Ministry

1) Your glory over my comfort

Wrestling with the cup – embrace the cup

A) Marriage

B) Friendship problems – Humble yourself

C) His glory!!!