
Christmas from God's Point of View
Philippians 2:1-11

Luke 2 gives us the **earthly** viewpoint. Philippians 2 gives us the **heavenly** timeline.

Background:

Phil. 1:27-30 ²⁷ Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, ³⁰ having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear *is* in me.

1. Is There Mutual Assistance in These Trials?

¹ Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

2. God Assigns Our Attitude Towards One Another

² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

COMMAND: Fulfill (x!) – Carry through

a. By being one-minded

being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

b. By being selfless

³ Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit (empty-glory)

c. By valuing others more

but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

d. By caring for the interests of others

⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

3. Jesus Displays Our Example (Christmas from God's Point of View)

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

COMMAND: This be _____ (~!) in you!

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

a. Jesus' original _____

⁶ who, being in the form (*morphe*) of God,
"who in the form of God existing"

b. Jesus' rightful _____

did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
"not a prize He regarded (x) the to being (~) equal with God"

c. Jesus' selfless _____

⁷ but made Himself
"but He Himself..."

d. Jesus' emptying _____

of no reputation,
"but He Himself He emptied (x)"

e. Jesus' chosen _____

taking the form (*morphe*) of a bondservant,
"a form of a slave having taken (x)"

f. Jesus' chosen _____

and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,

g. Jesus' willful _____

He humbled Himself

h. Jesus' _____ sacrifice

and became obedient to *the point of* death,

i. His extreme type of _____

even the death of the cross.

4. God Guarantees the Ending

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.

a. God highlights Jesus' exalted position and name

b. God will require everyone to acknowledge "Lord Jesus Christ"

c. God the Father will be glorified – now, or then.