
The Heavenly Christmas Account

Philippians 2:1-11

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

Therefore

if [there is] any consolation in Christ,
if any comfort of love,
if any fellowship of the Spirit,
if any affection and mercy,
fulfill my joy

by being like-minded,
having the same love,
[being] of one accord,
of one mind.

[Let] nothing [be done] through selfish ambition or conceit
but in lowliness of mind
let each esteem others
better than himself.

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

Let this mind be in you

which was also in Christ Jesus,
who, being in the form of God,
did not consider it robbery
to be equal with God,
but made Himself of no reputation,
taking the form of a bondservant,
[and] coming in the likeness of men.
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.

Therefore God also

has highly exalted Him
and given Him the name
which is above every name,
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,
and [that] every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ [is] Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

1. His original state
2. His rightful place
3. His selfless choice
4. His demeaning step
5. His defined process
6. His necessary capacity
7. His willful humility
8. His obedient sacrifice
9. His extreme sacrifice

Εἴ τις οὖν παράκλησις ἐν Χριστῷ,
εἴ τι παραμύθιον ἀγάπης,
εἴ τις κοινωνία πνεύματος,
εἴ τις σπλάγχνα καὶ οἰκτιρμοί,
πληρώσατέ (χι!) μου τὴν χαρὰν
ἵνα τὸ **αὐτὸ φρονήτε**,
τὴν **αὐτὴν** ἀγάπην ἔχοντες,
σύμψυχοι,
τὸ **ἐν φρονοῦντες**,
μηδὲν κατ' ἐριθείαν
μηδὲ κατὰ κενοδοξίαν
ἀλλὰ τῇ **ταπεινοφροσύνῃ**
ἀλλήλους ἡγούμενοι
ὑπερέχοντας ἑαυτῶν,
μὴ τὰ ἑαυτῶν ἕκαστος σκοποῦντες
ἀλλὰ [καὶ] τὰ ἐτέρων ἕκαστοι.

Τοῦτο **φρονεῖτε** ἐν ὑμῖν
ὁ καὶ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ,
ὃς ἐν **μορφῇ** θεοῦ ὑπάρχων
οὐχ ἄρπαγμὸν ἡγήσατο
τὸ εἶναι ἴσα θεῷ,
ἀλλὰ ἑαυτὸν ἐκένωσεν
μορφὴν δούλου λαβῶν,
ἐν ὁμοιώματι ἀνθρώπων γενόμενος·
καὶ σχήματι εὐρεθεὶς ὡς ἄνθρωπος
ἐταπεινώσεν ἑαυτὸν
γενόμενος ὑπήκοος μέχρι θανάτου,
θανάτου δὲ σταυροῦ.

διὸ καὶ ὁ θεὸς
αὐτὸν ὑπερέψωσεν
καὶ ἐχαρίσατο αὐτῷ τὸ **ὄνομα**
τὸ ὑπὲρ πᾶν **ὄνομα**,
ἵνα ἐν τῷ **ὀνόματι** Ἰησοῦ
πᾶν γόνυ κάμψῃ
ἐπουρανίων καὶ
ἐπιγείων καὶ
καταχθονίων
καὶ **πάσα** γλῶσσα ἐξομολογήσῃται
ὅτι κύριος Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς
εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ πατρὸς.