**[Pressing Onward: Adoring Christ]**

A Study in Philippians

Philippians 2: 5-11

Paul wants to lift up \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so that our hearts focus on him and his example to us.

Philippians 2: 5-11 is written for our adoration of Christ. So that we might behold the beauty of Christ’s sacrifice and his great love for us.

In Philippians 2: 5-11 we see:

 Jesus has always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 6).

Jesus was / is / will always be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 6).

Jesus chooses to set aside his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to come to earth in human form (verses 6-7).

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself by his obedience to death, even death on a cross (verse 8).

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (verse 9-11).

As individuals and as a church, we **press onward** by adoring Christ and his sacrifice, letting our hearts be warmed and changed by his great love for us, and then seeking to model and emulate him by following his example.

Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ’s love, sacrifice, death, and resurrection enables us to live lives worthy of the gospel.

*Application:*

**Worship Jesus Christ, the Second Adam** (Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:45) Jesus was our representative and obeyed for us where Adam had failed and disobeyed.

**Worship Jesus Christ, our Substitutionary Sacrifice** (Heb. 2:14-17) If Jesus had not been a man, he could not have died in our place and paid the penalty that was due to us.

**Worship Jesus Christ, the Mediator between God and Men** (1 Tim. 2:5) Because we were alienated from God by sin, we needed someone to come between God and ourselves and bring us back to him. We needed a mediator who could represent us to God and who could represent God to us. There is only one person who has ever fulfilled that requirement.

**Worship Jesus Christ, our Perfect Example** (1 Pet 2:21; Heb. 12:2) Jesus had to become a man like us in order to live as our example and pattern in life. As Christians, our goal should be to be like Christ throughout our entire life and model his example as we trust in God and share love and forgiveness to others.

**Worship Jesus Christ, our Sympathetic High Priest** (Heb. 2:18; 4:15-16) Because Jesus came as a man, he is able to know by experience what we go through in our temptations and struggles in this life. Because he has lived as a man, he is able to sympathize more fully with us in our experiences.

**Worship Jesus Christ, the God-Man forever** (Luke 24:39; Rev. 1:13-17) Jesus did not temporarily become man, instead his divine nature was permanently united to his human nature, and he lives forever not just as the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, but also as Jesus, the man who was born of Mary, and as Christ, the Messiah and Savior of his people. Jesus will remain fully God and fully man, yet one person, forever.[[1]](#footnote-1)

***Blanks:*** *Christ; existed; God; rights & privileges; humbles; exalted; belief*

1. Resources assembled from Systematic Theology series [↑](#footnote-ref-1)