

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 2:5-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW” – PART 2A

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Deity of Christ, Salvation, Power, Comfort, Growth, Living

Introduction to the Text;

Philippians 2:5-11

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. 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.

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1.) **He saves uniquely by coming down to us**

vs. 5-7

Uniquely

Noah Webster defined Unique(l)y as to meaning that;

Unusual, special, unlike, one of a kind, never seen before nor after.

1a.) Uniquely mindful of our situation vs. 5

1b.) Uniquely sovereign to save us from us vs. 6

1c.) Uniquely willing to become the servant vs. 7

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2.) He saves exclusively by going to the cross vs. 8

Exclusively

Noah Webster defined Exclusive(ly) as to meaning that;

That which is un-shared or reserved for one. Barring all others. that which cannot be shared or distributed among others.

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He Saves Exclusively by Going to The Cross

2a.) Exclusively becoming human for you vs. 8a

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.

What a holy contrast we see in this verse;

The Eternal God, God the Son came from heaven above to descend down to earth to become one with us, rejected, mocked, ridiculed and scorned, Jesus hung on a shameful cross.

Question:

why was it necessary that Jesus Christ become human?

answer:

man had no representative before an offended God.

The God of the Bible

Had been violated, disobeyed and offended by mankind's sin.

answer:

nothing that we could have offered up would have been good enough because we come with tainted offerings.

answer:

mankind had to have a direct association, perfect linkage to the offering. It could not have been an animal or a tree or some precious metal or gem

Hebrews 8:1,11-15

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man... :11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death,

Love Compelled Christ to Come to us,

It was His Love for mankind that Compelled Him to Suffer and to Die for us

1 John 2:1-2 NLT

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

We have an Attorney - Our Attorney is None Other

than the Judges Son, Jesus Christ - our Defender.

Question:

couldn't God have figured out a better plan to save us?

Well, what do you mean by "Better"? and **better for whom?**

answer:

We have terribly underestimated
the nature and damning effects of sin.

answer:

We have terribly underestimated
the righteousness of God and His perfection.

answer:

We have terribly underestimated
the condemnation of man and just how lost we are.

The truth is friend,

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