

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 4

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.

ABOUT THE TITLE:

“ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW”

Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1.) He saves uniquely by coming down to us vs. 5-7

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

3.) He saves absolutely by becoming your LORD vs. 9-11

3a.) Absolutely visible to the naked eye vs. 9a

3b.) Absolutely reasonable to the honest heart vs. 10

3c.) Absolutely logical to the thinking mind vs. 11

Notice with me that **Verse 11** says

“And that every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

That There is **no Debate**. There is **no Discussion**.

There is **no Opinion Poll**. It is what it is and will be what it is - long after we are gone from off this earth...

Psalm 14:1

The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

Isaiah 45:21-23

Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. 22 “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath, (declare, proclaim, confess)

ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW
He Saves Absolutely by Becoming Your LORD

3c.) Absolutely logical to the thinking mind

vs. 11

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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 (will) bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should (will) confess
THAT Jesus Christ is Lord, to **THE** glory of - - - God **THE** Father.

Verse 11 by Design, is Perhaps the Great Departure Point for Man.

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came into the region of **Caesarea Philippi**, He asked His disciples, saying, "**Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?**" :**14** So they said, "**Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.**" :**15** He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" :**16** Simon Peter answered and said, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" :**17** Jesus answered and said to him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18** And I also say to you that you are Peter (that would be the calling), and on this rock (that would be the mission) I will build My church, (that would be the promise) and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. (that would be the victory)

To say "**Jesus Christ is Lord**"

was to make the most offensive declaration possible. It was an insult to the emperor. It was to proclaim monotheism.

It was your death sentence.

This is what was expected of you / This is what is expected of you

“Kyrios Kaiser” meaning “Caesar is Lord”

during the reign of the Roman Emperors, who, I might add among men were considered gods - -

it was of the utmost importance that you, as a roman subject, verbally confess “**Kyrios Kaiser**” this confession made public your submission to the powers and laws of the land.

To confess “**Kyrios Iesous**” was to seal your death sentence, for with that confession - you made yourself an enemy of the State, guilty of Pagan worship, **unfaithful to Caesar!**

Where is Caesar **Augustus** Today? / Where is Caesar **Nero** Today?

Where is Caesar **Tiberius**? / Where is Caesar **Caligula** Today?

There is a Day Coming in the Prescience of God when

Buddha is going to Confess Jesus Christ is LORD.

Hitler is going to Confess Jesus Christ is LORD.

Mohammad is going to Confess Jesus Christ is LORD.

Obama is going to Confess Jesus Christ is LORD.

Lord Elton John is going to Confess Jesus Christ is LORD.

You and I are going to Confess Jesus Christ is LORD.

And what will be confessed (a proclaimed fact) ?

that **Jesus Christ is Lord**

Jesus will be confessed – His **unique humanity** (like us)

Christ will be confessed – His **unique atonement** (for us)

Lord will be confessed – His **unique deity** (not us)

Acts 4:11-12

This is the “stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

to the **glory** of **God the Father**.

Did you know that Jesus' resurrection from the dead not only purchased for us our salvation - but set in motion all that will glorify God in the end and for all eternity?

His "eternal grace" will be appreciated forever:

Ephesians 2:4-8

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 **that in the ages** (aeons) **to come** He might **show** the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

John 17:4-5, 24

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was, :24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Any system of thought must, by necessity, become your way of life.

- William Barkley

"What comes into our mind when we think about God is the most important thing about you.

- A.W. Tozer

Reality Check

For every true follower of Jesus Christ, bowing the knee and confessing Jesus as LORD is a joy, a privilege, an honor – it is not submission to the fact. It is the celebration of the fact.

Every Single Day

The believer desires to bow and looks for opportunities to proclaim.

Is This Your Reality?

Do you want to bow and confess? Do you bow and confess? Isn't it a daily thing for us who know Him? Is this true of you?

There is only one way to give God glory and honor,
And it is to confess, from a **humbled heart** - that Jesus Christ is Lord.

There is only one way to give God glory and honor,
And it is to confess, from a **broken spirit** - that Jesus Christ is Lord.

There is only one way to give God glory and honor,
And it is to confess, from a **healed mind** - that Jesus Christ is Lord.

This is that confession that reveals the
state of every man's true heart.

What of those **who can** confess Jesus Christ is Lord;
What does the future hold for them, for us?

#1 – the **present reality** that - **your sins having been forgiven you.**

This is the #1 fundamental basis for why the Christian is to be joyous.

1 John 2:12

I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

#2 – the **present reality** that - **God is with you now and will be forever.**

This is the security of the Christian, that we are now His, He's ours.

Matthew 28:20c

And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

#3 – the **present reality** that - **you will stand before Him accepted.**

This is the believer's rest, that His holiness has become mine.

Luke 12:8

“Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.

What of those **who cannot** confess Jesus Christ is Lord;
What does the future hold for them, for you?

#1 – the **present reality that - you are guilty of many sins and offenses.**

That there is a dark side to you that weighs on your soul.

John 3:19-20

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

#2 – the **present reality that - comes to you about the final judgment.**

That within your mind you think thoughts of God, wrong thoughts, but thoughts they are.

#3 – the **present reality that – you’ll be sucked away from the love of God.**

That there’s a day coming which you cannot escape, so terrible a man cannot imagine.

The Doctrine of Hell, a Biblical Doctrine at that;

**Ought to be one of the most popular and studied doctrines of the Bible
and Here’s why...**

Out of all of the New Testament personalities, Jesus

**Christ Himself who spoke more about Hell and the Coming Judgment of the sinner than all
the other New Testament authors combined.**

Proverbs 9:17

The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.

2 Peter 2:4-9 NIV

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; 6 if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly... 7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless 8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard) 9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

Jude 1:6-7

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; **7** as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Revelation 21:7-8

He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. **8** But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Matthew 25:46a

And these (These who have neglected the Jewish people, His brethren.) **will go away into everlasting punishment,**

2 Thessalonians 2:8-9

(describing Jesus' 2nd Coming)

In flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. **9** They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord

Revelation 14:11

And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever;
and they have no rest day or night,

Mark 9:36-37,42

Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, **37** “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me... :**42** “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.

There is a day coming when

He will execute His justice on mankind.

The truth is my Friend ...

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End of Study

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