



# Changed by Christmas

December 27, 2009

One Service  
Sunday 9:30 am

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## Christmas: The Humiliation of Jesus – Philippians 2:1-11 | Jesus' Story

God Knows R\_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 53:1-3; Hosea 1:3; Luke 15:11-32; Luke 13:34; John 1:9-11)

Jesus Knows H\_\_\_\_\_.

We need to have Jesus' attitude (Philippians 2:5-8)

### ❖ Jesus was fully MAN

- He had a human b\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:7; 23:46; 24:50-51; Matthew 4:2; John 4:6; 19:28)
- He had a human m\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:52; Mark 13:32)
- He had a human s\_\_\_\_\_ and emotions (John 12:27; Matt 26:38; Matt 8:10)
- Jesus was s\_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:21)  
*"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin."* (Hebrews 4:15)

## JESUS IS FULLY MAN TO DIE IN OUR PLACE

### ❖ Jesus was fully GOD

- Scriptural claims (John 8:58; Revelation 22:16; John 10:29-30)
- A\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 8:22-25)
- The K\_\_\_\_\_ Theory ("emptying")  
*"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."* (Colossians 1:17)

## Our Response

- ❖ H\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves. (Philippians 2:3-4)  
*"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."*
- ❖ Be O\_\_\_\_\_. (Philippians 2:8)  
*"Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*
- ❖ E\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. (Philippians 2:9-11)  
*"For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

# Digging Deeper

The **Chalcedonian Creed**, also known as the "Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union" or the "Two-Nature Doctrine," was adopted at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 in Asia Minor.

*We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach people to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; consubstantial [co-essential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.*

## What Is the Incarnation?

The *incarnation* refers literally to the *in-fleshing* of the eternal Son of God—Jesus becoming a human being. The doctrine of the incarnation says that the eternal second person of the Trinity took on humanity in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. A helpful way to remember the key aspect of the incarnation is found in John 1:14: "The Word became flesh."

## Four Examples of Jesus' Mindset

*"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."* (Philippians 2:4)

Continue to read the rest of Philippians 2 and see four examples of this mindset. This verse (2:4) is central to Paul's purpose.

### Jesus (Philippians 2:5-9)

- Christ put our interests above his own earthly comforts and died for us.

### Paul (Philippians 2:17-18)

- Paul suffered every day to plant the churches that brought us the gospel.

### Timothy (Philippians 2:19-22)

- Timothy served side by side with Paul, putting the interests of others first.

### Epaphroditus (Philippians 2:25-30)

- Epaphroditus risked his life to complete the Philippian service to Paul.

As you approach a new year, spend time this week reflecting on your own personal priorities, family life and other commitments as we consider what it means to have the mind of Christ.

