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Bible Study

*“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
(Ps. 119:105)*



Study of Philippians, “The Epistle of Joy” [pt.10]

{Philippians 2:5-11}

- v.5) *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*
v.6) *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*
v.7) *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*
v.8) *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*
v.9) *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*
v.10) *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*
v.11) *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

v.5-7)

- To help the Philippians apply the exhortations just given regarding humility [Phil. 2:1-4], Paul use Jesus as the ultimate example.
- According to (v.5) we have insight into the attitude of heart that Jesus has.
- “being in the form of God...” – [Grk.] (morphe): the nature, character or essence of something. Jesus did not just appear as God, or imitate God, He is God. [Jn.1:1; Col. 1:15,16; Jn. 8:56-58]
- “thought it not robbery to be equal with God...” “did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped” (NASB) – although He existed before the world was created, He did not cling to His divine majesty.
- “made himself of no reputation...” [lit.] “emptied Himself...” – the figure presented is similar to pouring water from a pitcher into a glass. The form is different, but the substance remains the same. [Heb. 13:8]

