

Godliness

Sermon Notes from Pastor Dennis Tuuri for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2011

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus who, (though he was - ESV) [being - KJV] in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
Philippians 2:5–6 (ESV)

Wait for it; We'll see.

1. Setting the Table - Overview of Philippians, Overview of 2:5-11, Our Advent Text
See Attached

2. Jesus, the Second Adam
See Attached

3. Correcting Some Misperceptions

A. The Event of the Incarnation or the Life of the Incarnated Son?

1. Christ Jesus is the name for the Incarnated Son
2. There can be no higher exaltation of the second person of the Trinity
3. Humanity Isn't bad, apart from the fall. Its wondrous!
4. The actions in the following verses are the actions of the incarnated Son.
5. We can't imitate the incarnation, but we can the incarnated Son.

Conclusion: These texts are about the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, the humiliation is not the incarnation, but His death for sinners.

B. "Being," not "Though"

The humiliation of Jesus, His being a servant, is not an exception to God's character.

C. "Equality with God" is not ontological (essence) but refers to glory/exaltation attained through humiliation by Jesus. Red to Gold

3. Put Off Adamic Grasping

A. Adam/Jesus Comparison Chart (see attached)

B. Adam and the 1st, 5th and 8th Commandments

C. Adam and Abraham - Fall (Impatience) and Recovery (Patience)

4. Put on Godliness, Patience and Service to Others

1 Cor. 13:4-7; Ex. 34:6

Chiastic Outline of Philippians (Barach, Leithart in Omnibus 4, Tuuri)

A. Greetings and grace (1:1-2)

"grace" 1:2 (also v. 7) "**saints**" 1:1

B. Thanksgiving for their partnership (1:3-8)

"Partnership" 1:5

C. Prayer for love to abound in discernment (1:9-11)

"approve what is valuable." "Prayer" 1:9

D. Paul's situation: advance in spite of ill will (1:12-18a) rejoice.

"rejoice" 1:18

E. Pauls' expectation and plans (1:18b-26)

"plan" 1:25

F. Conduct: unity (1:27-30)

"salvation"

G. Having the "in Christ Jesus" thinking (2:1-11)

F'. Conduct: unity (2:12-18)

"salvation"

E'. Paul's plans: send Timothy and Epaphroditus (2:19-30)

"plan" 2:19,23

D'. Enemies of the Gospel (3:1-4:4) "rejoice in the Lord"

"rejoice" 4:4

C'. Prayer and discernment (4:4-9) "think on these things"

"Prayer" 4:6

B'. Joy for their partnership (4:10-20)

"Partnership" 4:15

A'. Greetings and grace (4:21-23)

"grace" 4:23' "**saints**" 4:21, 22

First Draft Chiastic Structure of Philippians 2:6–11 (ESV) (Tuuri)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷ but **emptied himself**,

by taking the form of a servant,

being born in the **likeness of men**.

⁸ And being found in **human form**,

he **humbled himself**

by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Table 2. The popular First Adam–Last Adam typology

Philippians 2:5–11 (in Paul's Redacted Version)

Christ

Let the same mind be in you that you have
“in Christ Jesus,”

His Choice

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as
something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, *taking the form of a
slave*,

His Obedience

being born in human likeness. And being
found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of
death—even *death on a cross*.

His Exaltation

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every
name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee
should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth, in all creation separated from God (Rom
5:12–14; 8:22),

and every tongue should confess that Jesus and no tongue will confess any salvation,
Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Adam

His Choice

who was made in the image of God (Gen
1:26–27),

and regarded to “be like God” something to
be exploited (Gen 3:4–5),

so he aspired to greatness, and the
knowledge of good and evil (Gen 3:5).

His Disobedience

Seeking to be in the likeness of God. But
being found in human form,

he exalted himself,

and became disobedient, seeking life (Gen
3:6, 22; Rom 5:19)—he was expelled and
alienated.

His Condemnation

Therefore God condemned him to suffering,

and gave him the infamy of death (Gen
3:16–19),

so that at his name everyone will “curse” (a
play on the word, leading either to salvation,
Didache 16:5, or judgment, so “be cursed”;
cf. Gal 3:10, 13, Deut 23:21; 27:26),

in all creation separated from God (Rom
5:12–14; 8:22),

and no tongue will confess any salvation,
Christ is Lord,

but will receive the wrath of God the Father
(Rom 1:18).

(Word Biblical Commentary, After an unpublished diagram by L. A. Losie, following
Dunn, “Christ, Adam, and Preexistence,” 76.)