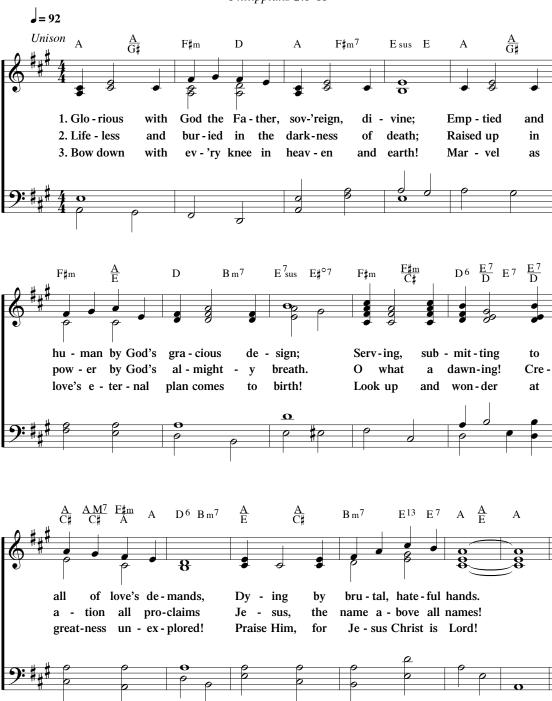
Jesus, the Name Above All Names

Philippians 2:5-11



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LEAD-IN: Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, as He already existed in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death: death on a cross. 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. (Philippians 2:5-11, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Have the Attitude of Christ

Philippians 2:1-11

What is the key to loving unity among God's people?

Humility (Philippians 2:1-4).

What is the key to humility?

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 2:5, NASB)

He shared the divinity of God Himself.

He had lived an eternity of

face-to-face,

heart-to-heart oneness with the Father,

with all the perfect peace and joy that brought.

Yet He didn't cling to His exalted divinity.

He emptied Himself completely and

became a human being --

in fact, the lowest of human beings:

a slave with no freedom or agenda of His own,

an infant born to an unmarried peasant girl.

He was obedient all the way to death, and

and a brutal, unjust death at that.

He was executed as a common criminal by

the most painful,

the most humiliating method they could devise.

But whoever humbles himself shall be exalted (Matthew 23:12, NASB).

And God did exalt Him.

He lifted Him up

from the lowest place

to the highest place.

He gave Him the name,

the identity

that is above every identity.

Before Him, every knee will bow in all creation, and

every tongue will acknowledge that

Jesus Christ is Lord.

And what will be the result of all

this humbling and exalting,

this bowing and confessing?

God the Father will be glorified.

He will be lifted up, and
all His people will be bathed in the glow of His
goodness and
greatness and
all-engulfing presence.

What greater result could there possibly be?

So, do you want to glorify God? Live the humility, the trusting obedience, the self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ.

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