



PULPIT CURRICULUM

“Submit to the Exalted One”

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Verse of the Week:

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1. GOING DEEPER

Philippians 2:9-11

1. “God rewards humility and obedience.” How can this conclusion be arrived at in reference to verse 9?

2. What does it mean that God has “highly exalted” Jesus? Since we know that Jesus is highly exalted, how do we then explain why many people still cannot understand who He is according 2 Corinthians 4:4.

3. Identify, with reference to scripture, names ascribed to Jesus. Discuss what might be referenced in verse 10 as the “name that is above every name.”

4. In verse 10, Paul emphasises the totality of the supremacy of Christ by indicating that every being “in heaven and on earth and under the earth” will bow at the name of Jesus. In this context, explain why it is foolhardy to postpone deciding to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Additionally, how should this influence us as believers to witness to unbelievers?

5. With reference to verse 11, why is it impossible to separate confession of Jesus as Lord from living a life of obedience to God’s principles?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

1) To what extent are you fully submitting yourself to the Lordship of Christ and to the guidance of the Holy Spirit?



I am not at all submitted



I know I should submit but I also want to follow my own desires.



I am steadily taking steps towards living a submitted life but I am inconsistent.



I am growing in my commitment to being a more submitted Christian



I make a daily commitment towards living a submitted life

2) What factors may be hindering you from living a life of full submission?

3. APPLICATION

1. What are you doing towards growing in your maturity as a Christian?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about working on this week?

Sermon Main Points

Sermon Reflection

Aspects of Jesus being exalted:

- 🕒 His resurrection from the Dead
- 🕒 His ascension to heaven
- 🕒 His restoration to the Right Hand of God

- 🕒 The resurrection is pivotal to our hope as believers. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, we are still dead in our sins and have no hope of eternity.

Significant points of Jesus' ascension to heaven are:

- 🕒 The return of His glory
- 🕒 His exaltation by the Father
- 🕒 The beginning of Jesus' new work as High Priest

Significant points of Jesus being restored to the Right Hand of God:

- 🕒 Jesus' restoration signifies the Father's approval in the Son.
- 🕒 Because Jesus lived as a human being, he will forever be acquainted with the feelings, sufferings, and experiences of mankind. infirmities.
- 🕒 Jesus has a permanent place as the intercessor before God for mankind.
- 🕒 We can not only confess Christ as Lord with our mouths, it must also be demonstrated through lives lived as a reflection of His character.

What stood out for me in this sermon?
 What is something I can do to remember this?

5 Day Study Plan ("Study to show yourself Approved unto God...")

Inductive Bible Study

Day 1

1 Corinthians 15:14-20

What I learned (observation / interpretation):

How I will Respond (application):

Day 2

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 3

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 4

Hebrews 4:14-16

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 5

Hebrews 10:12-13

What I learned:

How I will Respond:



Observation (What does the text say?)

This phase is about observing exactly what the text is saying.

Pretend you're an investigator who's just gathering the facts. Ask yourself the five W's and H: (Who, what, where, when, why, how).



Interpretation (What does the text mean?)

Discover what the author is trying to communicate. And to do this, you need to look at the context to determine

- 🕒 What is the **main theme** and what is the **meaning** of key words;
- 🕒 Examine **cross references**
- 🕒 Compare **translations**
- 🕒 **Summarize** the text
- 🕒 **Use** commentaries (last resort)



Application (How should this affect Me?)

Don't study the bible just for knowledge – study for application. If you stop at the interpretation stage, you are selling yourself short. Based on what you have learnt, ask yourself "How should this change the way I think, speak and behave?"

Seek to identify if there are - **Sins** to confess; **Promises** to claim; **Examples** to follow; **Actions** to obey or **Knowledge** to grow in.

For best results, this content should be read and prepared privately and then discussed in your small group or with family / friends. We were not created to do life alone - get engaged today.