

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON

A. In the Godhead

11 - The Lord (3)

✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- Phil. 2:5 - Let **this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus,
- Phil. 2:9 - Therefore also God highly **exalted** Him and bestowed on Him the name which is **above every name**,
- Phil. 2:10 - That in the name of **Jesus every knee** should **bow**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- Phil. 2:11 - And **every tongue** should openly **confess** that **Jesus Christ** is **Lord** to the glory of God the Father.

✚ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

❖ God **exalted** Him and ushered Him **back** as **Lord in the Godhead**

➤ John 17:5 – “*And now, glorify Me along with Yourself, Father, with **the glory which I had with You before the world was.***”

- He completed His course of being **obedient** unto death in the position of a man
- He accomplished a perfect and **pure submission**
- He remained absolutely submissive. There was **not the slightest reaction or rebellion**

➤ Two way for Him to return back into the Godhead

- One was **to be a proper man**,
 - absolutely and unreservedly submitting with no trace of rebellion,
 - being obedient step by step,
 - and **letting God bring Him back and set Him up as Lord**

[Our Lord rejected this way, a way which He was not meant to take.]

- He set His heart to subject Himself to the way of submission even unto death.
 - Since He **emptied** Himself, He could **no longer refill Himself**. He did not vacillate in His mind.
 - Since He **emptied** Himself of all divine glory and authority and stepped forth as a slave, He **did not want to go back by any other way than the way of submission**.

- The other way **is for Him to force His way back**,
 - by using the authority and glory of His deity.

[If being a slave had been too difficult for Him, if weakness and the limitations of the flesh had been too much for Him, and if submission had been beyond Him, the only other way to return would have been for Him to force His way back by using the authority and glory of His deity.]

❖ The ushering of a **MAN** into the **Godhead** by the Father

- The **Son** became **Jesus (the Man)**, and was **received back** into the **Godhead**.
- He intended to return through His exaltation as a man
 - This is how God maintains His principle of submission.

- The **preciousness** of the name of **Jesus**.
 - In the whole universe there is no one like Him.
 - The Lord **declared**, “*It is done*” on the cross, everything that He said had been done.
 - For this **He obtained a name that is above every name**.
 - At the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**
 - and **every tongue** should openly **confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord.

❖ From that time forward, He was not only God, but Lord as well.

- His lordship speaks of His **relationship** with God.
- His Lordship speaks of what He **attained** before God.
- His being the Christ speaks of His **relationship** with the church.

✚ **SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):**

- ✚ The Lord Jesus’ return to heaven was **through** His being a **man** and being submissive in the form of a man. He was exalted by God.
- ✚ The Lord **bade farewell** to His divine form. He did not return in just His divine form, because He had put on the **flesh**. In Him there was no trace of disobedience; **consequently**, He was **exalted** by God in His **humanity**.
- ✚ He **stepped forth** to **give up** His glory. He **returned** to **reclaim** His glory.

✚ **We need to have the mind in us which was in Christ Jesus.**

- All of us should **take the way of our Lord**,
 - **taking His principle of submission** as our principle unto submission
 - and **learning submission** from one another.
- no sin is **uglier** than **rebellion**
- and that nothing is more **important** than **submission**.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 23, point 11)

(Authority and Submission, chap 5, part 3)

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