



Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

Philippians 2:8-11 Christ's Humiliation/Exaltation #2

- *Review Philippians 2:8,9*
 - Although outwardly He appeared as a man, inwardly He was fully Deity.
 - Christ's exaltation was a consequence of His given task fully accomplished.
- *Philippians 2:10,11 - that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
 - How literally should we interpret *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ...and every tongue confess?*
 - What should we make of the fact that *should bow* and *should confess* are *aorist active* and *subjunctive* mood?
 - Without referencing OT scripture in *Romans*, Paul only uses *bow* once



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and confess not at all, and this relates to his role in the mystery - the church.

» *Eph 3:14 - For this reason I bow my knees to the Father.*

• How should we define *confess*?

– Wuest – “The word means “to confess” in the sense of “**to agree with someone.**” Some day, the entire universe will agree with God the Father on the testimony which He has given of His Son. The word means also, “to publicly declare.” **It is used frequently in the Septuagint and has the ideas of praise or thanksgiving associated with it.**”

– *of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*

• Please notice that all of the above are included here.

• So how many have people have ever existed, 8 or 199 billion?

• Because the verse states that *every knee will bow and tongue confess to the glory of God the Father*, will those dead in sin and separated from God have such an option?

» *Isaiah 45:23 - have sworn by Myself;
The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness,
And shall not return,
That to Me every knee shall bow,
Every tongue shall take an oath.*



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- Wuest – ‘All creation will render such homage, whether animate or inanimate, whether in heaven, on earth, or under the earth,’
- McCalley – ‘The words *every knee* are all inclusive—Madalyn O’Hare will bow the knee alongside Bertrand Russell. There will be universal agreement for all will say, *Jesus Christ is Lord*. Finally, there will be a universal accomplishment in that all will be *to the glory of God the Father*.’
- Who are they that are in heaven?
 - The angels and those in Christ whose spirits have gone to be with the Lord.
 - Have these saints not already recognized *Jesus Christ as Lord*?
- Who are they that are *on earth*?
 - Those who are alive, presumably saved or unsaved people.
 - What about Old Testament saints?
 - Together these two groups will recognize *Jesus Christ as Lord* as stated in *Revelation (Rev 19:11-21)*?
- Who are they that are *under the earth*?
 - Unbelievers awaiting resurrection and eternal judgment.
 - » *Rev 20:13 - The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.*
- Of interest, *Jesus Christ is Lord* was the first acclimation of the church.



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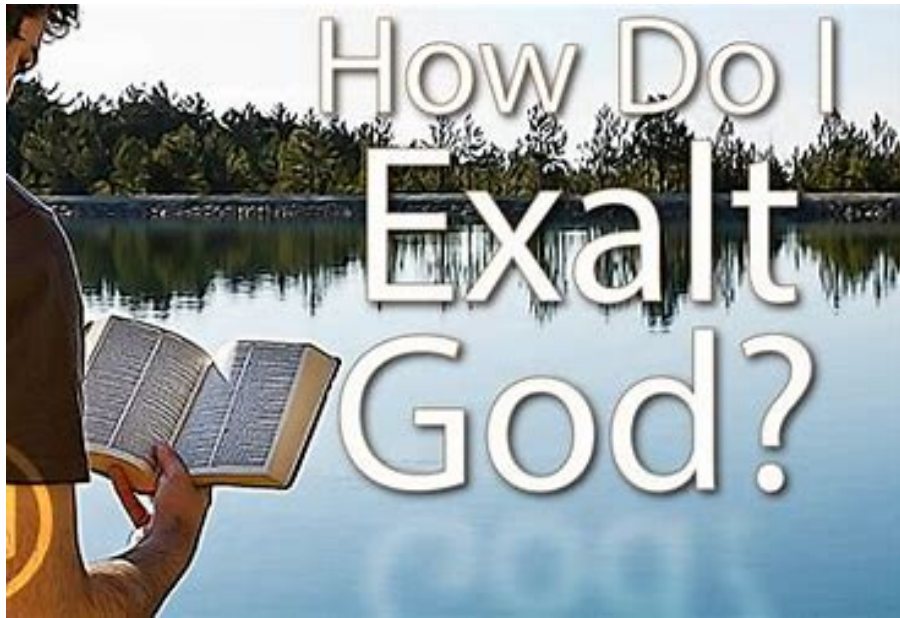
- » *Acts 2:36 - Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”*
- The purpose for the Lord Jesus has always been to glorify His father, hasn't it?
 - » *John 17:1 - Jesus spoke these words, lifting up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,*
 - » *1 Cor 15:27, 28 - For “He has put all things under His feet. But when He says “all things are put under Him,” it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.*
- And Christ will reconcile all things unto Himself.
 - » *Col 1:19,20 - For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.*
 - » *1 Peter 3:22 - who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.*
 - » *Rev 5:13 - And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:“
Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever.”*



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- Constable – ‘Verse 11 means, then, that the hope of God is that **every intelligent being in his universe might proclaim openly and gladly** (Lightfoot) that **Jesus Christ alone has the right to reign.**’
- How should/does His exaltation affect us?



McCalley:
‘We do battle under
the banner of ultimate
victory.’