

THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

JOY FOR EVERY SITUATION

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTERS 2:5-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW” – PART 1

DISCOVERING THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND HIS JOY IN EVERY SITUATION

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ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW!

We justifiably hear in that declaration a great sense of urgency. If we're not careful we can view that announcement with the sense of hopelessness. If we should hear that **ONLY GOD CAN SAVE US NOW** we just might think that all hope is lost. Yet, this is an absolute truth - a constant, 24/7, the reality is -
ONLY GOD CAN SAVE US, SAVE YOU NOW

Have you noticed that just about everything these days is urgent!

I get urgent mail in my mailbox, I'm getting urgent phone calls telling me that something is really urgent, -

But unless we're careful we can become callous to real urgency.

We can become like chicken Little running around shouting the sky is falling when it actually is!

There are many important things, there are some urgent things,

But there is really only one - most important and urgent thing,
and that is your spiritual life and what you do with it.

There is the urgent call to "Choose today whom you will serve" from the lips of General Joshua. There is the urgent call from the apostle Paul who said "Today is the day of salvation, now is the acceptable moment." and then there is of course the urgent call from Jesus Christ Himself when He said "Behold I am coming, watching therefore and be ready, for you do not know when the hour will be."

In this section before us, you can summarize the theme of it from verses 5

"Let this mind be in you Which was also in Christ Jesus."

It's not only about service and love and ministry and being Christlike,
It's about the fact that Jesus Christ came to save you from the fact that, unless your
life is radically transformed, your sins are still tied to your soul
and you are still separated from God, His heaven and all hope.

John 12:32

And I, if I am lifted up (crucified) from the earth, I will draw all people to Myself.

5 Let this **mind** be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, **being** in the **form** of **God**, did not consider it **robbery** to be equal with God, **7** but **made Himself** of **no reputation**, **taking the form of a bondservant**, and **coming in the likeness of men**.
8 And being found **in appearance as a man**, **He humbled Himself** and **became obedient** to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **9** **Therefore God also has highly exalted Him** and **given Him THE name** which is above **every name**,
10 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, **11** and that **every tongue should confess** that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the **glory of God the Father**.

ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW

1.) He saves uniquely by coming down to us vs. 5-7

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1a.) Uniquely mindful of our situation vs. 5

Let this **mind** be in you which was also in **Christ Jesus**,
He's talking about the example that is given in verses 1-4

Philippians 2:1-4

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, **2** fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. = **servant-mindedness**

Let this MIND / ATTITUDE

This **MIND** is the **ATTITUDE** Jesus possessed and displayed
as our Example to Follow.

Let this mind = allow it to continue on. New thoughts have begun, let them go on and on – becoming more and more like Jesus' thoughts.

1 Corinthians 2:16

For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” **But we have the MIND of Christ.**

His **MIND** is available to us by the **Holy Spirit**, through the **Bible!**

Let this MIND / ATTITUDE be in you
when you are faced with **HEARTACHE.**

“That Jesus strengthened Himself in the Lord”

Let this MIND / ATTITUDE be in you
when you are faced with **HEALTH ISSUES.**

“that Jesus surrendered Himself to His fathers mercy”

Let this MIND / ATTITUDE be in you when
you are faced with **HARDSHIP.**

“that Jesus set his hope upon God to deliver him”

Let this MIND / ATTITUDE be in you when
you are faced with **FEAR.**

“that Jesus trusted the Father’s will to do for Him what was best.”

**It’s been said that “Your outlook determines the outcome” and
“Your attitude determines your altitude.”**

**ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW
He Saves Uniquely By Coming Down to Us.**

1b.) Uniquely sovereign to save us from us vs. 6

who, **being** in the **form** of **God**,
did not consider it **robbery** to be **equal** with God,

being huparcho, *hoop-ar'-kho*; to begin to be under or to enter into the state of (flesh)
- The incarnation of Christ. From Spirit to flesh.

form morphe, *mor-fay'*; not the shape of, but the outward, visible display of the
invisible, to show the nature (the inside of) of God. to show forth what has impossible
to see before. **To look at Jesus is to see the invisible nature, mind, heart of God.**

Colossians 2:9

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

Hebrews 1:3

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power,

John 14:7-11

“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.” :8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” :9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Listen Carefully; The Power and The Truth of the Bible

is even more insightful and revealing and revelatory then if you had seen Jesus Christ face to face 2,000 years ago.

Do you want to know **what God would think** – Get to Know Jesus.

Do you want to know **what God would do** – Get to Know Jesus.

Do you want to know **what God would say** – Get to Know Jesus.

1 John 1:1-3

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

who, **being** in the **form** of **God**,

He did not consider it **robbery** to be **equal** with God,

robbery harpagmos, *har-pag-mos*’; Jesus had nothing to gain or obtain.

having no need to GRASP because it was already possessed by Him. He had no need to plunder or to seek after deity because it is already in His custody - Jesus was, is and forever will be God in total

AGAIN - Colossians 2:8-9

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For (BECAUSE) in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

to be **equal** with God,

As God the Son, Possessing all that God is in Person, He willingly stepped away from the comfort and station that is His, to serve others (lost and rebellious “others”)

“If you really want to see what a person’s character is like, don’t give them responsibility, give them privilege. Almost anyone can perform for pay or reward but very few can handle privilege and authority.”

ONLY GOD CAN SAVE YOU NOW He Saves Uniquely By Coming Down to Us.

1c.) Uniquely willing to become the servant vs. 7

But **made Himself** of no reputation,
taking the form of a bondservant, and **coming in the likeness of men**.

reputation kenoo, to willingly make empty, i.e. (figuratively) to intentionally abase or reduce, to render ones’ self-void or as nothing (in the case of Jesus. This would have been the ultimate down-sizing)

To Make Empty

(that’s how we started out – Adam and Eve before the fall, they were totally empty of reputation. No defenses, no positioning, no slice of pie is mine.

Living only for the life of the other – **Adam lived for Eve, Eve for Adam**

form morphe, *mor-fay’*; displaying the invisible nature of God in “Moral Form”

bondservant doulos, to be tied to or made a servant of another (The Father) – To willingly become a slave, to gladly volunteer himself to go from freedom to bondage.

Coming ginomai, *ghin’-om-ahee*; to arrive, having been sent and agreeing to the reason why. In full agreement.

Likeness of man homo’io’ma, *hom-oy’-o-mah*; IN THE SHAPE OF man in nature and person. (not I a man, but a real man, a human being.)

Consider The Magnitude of what Jesus Christ did for You.

Being God in absolute perfection, Being the Creator and Sustainer of everything, Worshipped, Praised and Honored throughout – rose up from His throne and entered into Humanity, He localized Himself in a Human body, not for a day, not for a year, but forever. There is a Human being seated at the Right Hand of God the Father right now and forever more – for you!

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He **made Him** who knew no sin **to be** sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

I speak now, to the “Found” only....

“Ministry that costs us nothing, Accomplishes nothing.”

And the more we become servant minded like Jesus, the greater our joy and contentment. We humans weren't created to be served, but to serve. we were created in the image of God, and the more we seek to be like Him the greater our happiness in life will be.

I speak now to the Lost only....

“Your life has no real meaning or purpose to it but what you desire in the moment. There is nothing in your life that costs you anything and your life is accomplishing nothing.”

Worship no other gods.

Do not create idols for yourself

Do not misuse the name of God

Keep the Sabbath day sacred

Honor your mom and dad

Do not murder

Do not have sex with someone else's husband or wife

Do not steal

Do not lie

Do not covet your neighbor's stuff.

The truth is friend,

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End of Study

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