

End of year 2025

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Theme: The Exaltation and Exultation of the Risen Christ the Son of God, Savior of the world.

Title: The Exaltation of the Risen Christ, the Son of God; Philippians 2:9-11

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I) Phil. 2:5-11 The Humiliation and the Exaltation of Christ

- A) 2:5-8 Christ the Son of God takes on human flesh and becomes obedient unto death—death on a cross.
- 1) (2:6-7) He set aside His pre-incarnate glory and **concealing** it in a human body.
 - (a) (2:6) His divine attributes were never lost, but He refused to insist on His divine rights.
 - (b) (2:7) His divine glory was concealed in human flesh.
 - (i) Instead of exalting Himself as a person to be honored and served, he humbled Himself instead as a servant.
 - (a) Matthew 20:28: “The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”
 - 2) (2:8) His purpose in coming in a human body was to die on a cross.
 - (a) It was an act in accord with the Father’s **perfect** will.
 - (i) An obedient act (2:8)
 - (ii) The Father’s good pleasure and **will**.
 - (a) John 6:38-39: “For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of those He has given me, but raise them up at the last day.”
 1. **Note:** Jesus emphasizes His submission and obedience to the Father’s will concerning His roll as Redeemer of God’s people. His work of salvation came by way of the cross of suffering on our behalf, securing eternal life for believers.
 - (b) John 10:30: “I and the Father are One.”
 - (b) It was an act in accord with that of a **perfect** substitute, taking our place.
 - (i) 1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for our sins, the righteous for the unrighteous...”
 - (ii) Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
 - (c) It was an act in accord with that of a **perfect** sacrifice for our sin.
 - (i) John 1:29, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”
 - (ii) 1 Peter 1:18-19, “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

II) Acts 2:32-36 The Exaltation of the Risen Christ Preached by Peter

- A) (2:29-31) The Resurrection predicted (see also 2:25-28 quoting Psalm 16:8-11)
- B) (2:32) The Resurrection of Christ proclaimed by Peter
- C) (2:33) The **exaltation** of the Risen Christ revealed!
 - 1) Exalted: Elevated, glorified as the “God-man”. The **bodily resurrected Christ** seated at the right hand!
- D) (2:36) His resurrection and exaltation by God assures us that He is both Lord and Savior!

- 1) Acts 2:36, "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."
 - 2) Matthew 28:18 The risen Christ comes to the apostles declaring, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."
 - 3) Phil. 2:10-11, "...that at the name of Jesus every knee shall 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."
- III) **Ephesians 1:18-27 The Risen Christ is exalted as Sovereign Ruler the Lord over all as preached by Paul!**
- A) 1:20-21 His resurrection signaled His finished work, and God exalted Him to the highest position!
 - B) His Sovereign Authority extends over all things. This is especially comforting to the Church!
 - 1) Eph. 1:22-23, "And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the Church, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills everything in every way."
 - (a) **The resurrected, universally ruling and reigning Christ is God's gift to the Church!**
 - (i) This Jesus fills His Church with His presence and blessings! When we gather, let us beseech Him that we may quiet ourselves enough to walk in His presence and blessing!
 - 2) The power of the resurrected Christ is personally working in His people whose lives are devoted to Him. Eph. 1:19b-20, "That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heavenly realms..."
 - C) Application: **His exaltation should deeply humble us!** It is nice to think about Jesus meek and mild, the friend of sinners, that he's my friend, etc. But make no mistake, He is King of kings and Lord of lords, the risen Son of God, exalted, high and lifted up!
 - 1) Whatever grievances people claim with God, whatever explanation they may demand from God, the moment each one of us stands before the Sovereign, all powerful, all holy Lord, we will be silenced.
 - (a) Psalm 68:2, "As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God."
 - (b) Psalm 97:5, "The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth."
 - (c) Romans 9:20, "But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to the One who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'"
 - 2) Here is how you and I should respond to the Risen King: We will see in our last section.
- IV) **Philippians 2:9-11 along with Revelation 5:11-14: Present exultation of the exalted Christ.**
- A) Definitions:
 - 1) Exaltation of Christ: The act of God in raising up, glorifying Christ to the highest place of authority in all His splendor and majesty.
 - 2) Exultation of Christ: The act of all creatures in heaven and earth responding to the exalted Christ with great joy, triumph and celebration because of His achievement and victory over the world, the flesh, the devil, sin and death! Because of His victory we have Eternal and abundant life!
 - B) In heaven (**Rev. 5:11-12**) Angels numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand encircle the throne along with the living creatures and elders singing in a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise."
 - 1) Then in 5:13, every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them singing, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"
 - C) Our response to the exalted Christ. What does exultation look like?
 - 1) Philippians 2:10-11: bow the knee and be always confessing that Jesus Christ is the Sovereign of all!
 - (a) Humility.
 - 2) Rev. 5:12: Reverence and worship: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."
 - (a) An encounter with Christ should lead to adoration, and personal yielding ourselves to Him.
 - 3) Matthew 28:19-20: Trust and Obedience: When He told the disciples to "Go!" He meant it. He means what He commands. "Love one another." He didn't command much beyond, "Go!" and "Love!"