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WELCOME TO FRIENDSHIP

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OUR MISSION

TODAY'S MUSIC

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

WEEK 48

Philippians 3:7-8 ESV

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES

TODAY'S SERMON NOTES

Series: All Things New

Speaker: Jay Sirmon

Sermon Title: From the Cradle to the Cross to the Crown

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

QUOTE:

"Christian fellowship, then, is self-sacrificing conformity to the gospel."

-D.A. Carson

Philippians 2:1-11 ESV

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

UNITY IN CHRIST

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v1-2

QUOTE:

"Paul mentioned these things in a manner that suggests to us that they should all be obvious parts of the Christian's experience. To make his rhetorical point, he could have just as easily said, 'If water is wet, if fire is hot, if rocks are hard,' and so forth."

-David Guzik

QUOTE:

"There is a unity which is seldom broken, the unity of devils, who, under the service of their great liege master, never disagree and quarrel: from this terrible unity keep us, O God of heaven!"

-Charles Spurgeon

HUMILITY THROUGH CHRIST

v3-8

Matthew 18:23-30 ESV

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

QUOTE:

"He was humble in that he took the form of a man, and not a more glorious creature like an angel.

He was humble in that He was born into an obscure, oppressed place.

He was humble in that He was born into poverty among a despised people.

He was humble in that He was born as a child instead of appearing as a man.

He was humble in submitting to the obedience appropriate to a child in a household.

He was humble in learning and practicing a trade — and a humble trade of a builder.

He was humble in the long wait until He launched out into public ministry.

He was humble in the companions and disciples He chose.

He was humble in the audience He appealed to and the way He taught.

He was humble in the temptations He allowed and endured.

He was humble in the weakness, hunger, thirst, and tiredness He endured.

He was humble in His total obedience to His Heavenly Father.

He was humble in His submission to the Holy Spirit.

He was humble in choosing and submitting to the death of the cross.

He was humble in the agony of His death.

He was humble in the shame, mocking, and public humiliation of His death.

He was humble in enduring the spiritual agony of His sacrifice on the cross.

-David Guzik

QUOTE:

The giving was not a mere sending; it was therefore not a mere mission in which he was made of no reputation, but it also included as an essential part that he should humble himself and become obedient unto death, even the agonizing and shameful death of the cross. God gave, or sacrificed, his wellbeloved Son to such humiliation, such agony, such a death...to suffer in this human nature as he could not suffer as the Son of God."

-Charles Octavius Boothe

WORSHIP OF CHRIST

v9-11

QUOTE:

"Man, so long as he remains free, has no more constant and agonizing anxiety than find as quickly as possible someone to worship."

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

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"To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer."

#### -Martin Luther

#### QUOTE:

"The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified. So the community of the cross is a community of celebration, a eucharistic community, ceaselessly offering to God through Christ the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving. The Christian life is an unending festival. And the festival we keep, now that our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, is a joyful celebration of his sacrifice, together with a spiritual feasting upon it. In this celebratory feast we are all participants. But what is it we share in? Not in the offering of Christ's sacrifice, nor even in the movement of it, but only in the benefits he achieved by it. For this costly sacrifice, and for the precious blessing it has won for us, we will never cease, even in eternity, to honor and adore the Lamb."

-John Stott

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