**Captivated by Christ**

A mini-theology of Christ ++ Philippians 2:1-11

***Being Captivated by Christ…***

* **…begins with a clear picture of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ**
1. Jesus was fully **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (6) *Who, being in very nature God*
2. Jesus was fully **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (7-8) *found in appearance as a man*
* **…leads us to see the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ**
1. He modeled willing **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (8) *He became obedient to death*
2. He endured the most extreme **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (8) *even death on a cross!*
3. He experienced **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by the Father (9-11) *God exalted Him*
* **…leads us to understands the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ**
1. He was given a place of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (9) *exalted…to the highest place*
2. He was given a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** above all names (9) *Jesus is Lord*

***When we are captivated by Christ…****Theology applied*

1. **Our attitude will be transformed into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (8)

*He humbled Himself and became obedient*

1. **We will embrace the Christ's pattern as our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (5, 12)

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus*

1. **We experience \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the church** (1-4)

*…being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose…*

1. **There is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among the leaders** (2)

*…make my joy complete…*

1. **So that all our life and in the end God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!** (11)

*…to the glory of God the Father*

***Christianity has not been tried and found wanting;***

***it has been found difficult and not tried*.** -Gilbert K. Chesterton

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**Discussion Questions for Small Groups** or personal study

Philippians 2:1-11 Week of February 15, 2015

1. What is your favorite style of music, and why?

 How important is music in your experience of worship, and why?

2. How did you respond to the idea (from Sunday’s message) that you are a theologian?

3. Read **Philippians 2:1-11**. What are some questions (from the passage or Sunday’s message) that you would like to have clarified? Jot them down.

4. Read **Matthew 17:1,2**. How does the event described here illustrate the truth from **Philippians 2:6,7** – that Jesus became human without ceasing to be God?

 Read **Hebrews 4:15,16**. What practical difference does it make to us that Jesus was actually human?

5. How can understanding the Pattern of Christ (his obedience, suffering and exaltation help us in our daily Christian lives?

6. If a church lacks unity, what are some reasonable conclusions one could make based on our passage?

7. What is one practical way that you can apply Paul’s instruction to think of others as better than ourselves?

8. What is one helpful truth from this passage or from Sunday’s message that you could pass on to someone else?

As your group prays, ask God to help you understand and live out the attitudes described in this passage.

Requests:

***Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God***

***a thing to be grasped****,* ***but made himself nothing,***

***taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men***.

Philippians 2:5-7

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