

Introduction

1. On Paul's second missionary journey, he received the Macedonian call which landed him in the city of Philippi ([Ac. 16:6-12](#))
2. As the book of Acts concludes, we find Paul as a prisoner in Rome ([Ac. 28:16, 30-31](#))
3. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul encouraged the saints to, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" ([Php. 1:1, 2:12](#))

I. Christ Humbled Himself and Obeyed

1. In the beginning was the Word ([Jn. 1:1-5](#))
 - a. The Word became flesh ([Jn. 1:14](#))
 - b. His name was called Jesus ([Mt. 1:21-25](#))
2. For the Word to become flesh took humility ([Php. 2:5-8](#))
 - a. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God," ([Php. 2:5-6 NKJV](#))
 - i. Christ had great glory with the Father ([Jn. 17:1-5](#))
 - ii. Jesus is equal with God ([Jn. 5:17-18](#))
 - b. "but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men." ([Php. 2:7 NKJV](#))
 - i. Christ emptied Himself to become a bondservant and to put on flesh ([Mk. 10:45](#))
 - c. "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." ([Php. 2:8 NKJV](#))
 - i. Not only did Christ show humility in becoming a man, He also showed it in His obedience to the cross ([Heb. 5:7-9](#))
 - ii. Christ did what was necessary to obey His Father and enabled the possibility of our salvation ([Eph. 1:3-7](#))
3. God exalted His obedient Son ([Php. 2:9-11](#))
 - a. "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name," ([Php. 2:9 NKJV](#))

- i. God exalts the humble in due time ([1 Pt. 5:6](#))
- ii. No other name by which we must be saved ([Ac. 4:12](#))
- b. “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.” ([Php. 2:10-11](#) NKJV)
 - i. All people everywhere should recognize this fact and bow the knee [reverence] at the name of Jesus and confess Him as Lord
 - ii. There is coming a day when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess ([Rm. 14:11-12](#); cf. [Isa. 45:23](#))

II. We Must Humble Ourselves and Obey

1. If the only begotten Son of God humbled Himself and obeyed God, so must we ([Jn. 6:38](#), [8:29](#))
 - a. The Philippians understood the need to obey, and Paul knew they had obeyed when he wrote, “as you have always obeyed” ([Php. 2:12](#))
2. Baptism is the beginning, not the ending ([Jn. 3:3-5](#); [1 Pt. 1:23](#))
 - a. Our salvation requires us to keep on obeying God beyond baptism
 - b. The Philippians were commanded to “work out” their own salvation ([Php. 2:12](#))
 - c. Fear and trembling is required ([Php. 2:12](#))
3. Not our own system, but God’s system of salvation ([Php. 2:13](#))
 - a. God has done his part, but we must do our part in keeping His will
 - b. Apostasy is possible i.e., we can fall away from God

Conclusion

1. God sent His Son to save the world ([Jn. 3:16-17](#))
2. We must humble ourselves and submit to God’s will in our lives
3. “Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.” ([Php. 2:14-16](#) NKJV)