

Theology of the Incarnation

Philippians 2:1-11
(part 1 of 3)

2:1-11: *A Textual Survey*

1. Verses 1-2: The Point of the passage
 2. Verses 3-4: The Practice expected
 3. Verse 5: The Pattern for all to see
- Verses 6-11 – *Explanation of the pattern so that the church gets the “force” of Paul’s point (vv 1-2)*

2:6-11: *Textual Analysis*

1. v 6: form (morphe) of God ... equal with God
2. v 7a: *He emptied Himself [subtraction?]*
3. v 7b: taking the form (morphe) of a slave ...
in the likeness of men
4. v 8a *in appearance (skema) as a man*
5. v 8b humbled Himself ... death on a cross
6. v 9a *God highly exalted Him (v 9b-11a)*
7. v 11b Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of
God the Father

What do we gain from this survey and analysis of Philippians 2:1-11?

1. The Incarnation of Christ is a deep theological truth we will never fully understand . . . **but it bought our salvation!**
2. **Also** . . . the Incarnation of Christ has a clear purpose for each church member.
 - *This is the point of Philippians 2:1-2 (!)*
3. **Also** . . . to worship the incarnate-dying-risen Jesus Christ brings glory to the Father – **not to worship Jesus . . . ?!?!**