

# The Way Up ...Is Down!



In response to  
God's reality  
in your life

As Jesus  
demonstrated  
He was  
willing to do

Resulted with  
Jesus being  
the Sovereign  
over all

A "Prison  
Epistle"  
1:12-14



## Taking the Form of a Bondservant

Philippians 2:1-11

<b>All of you (Christians)</b>	<b>UNITED</b>
	<p>If therefore there is</p> <p><i>This is the true seed</i></p> <p>a) any encouragement in Christ, if there is b) any consolation of love, if there is c) any fellowship of the Spirit, if d) any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by</p> <p><i>Let it come to full "bloom"</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. being of the same mind,</li> <li>2. maintaining the same love,</li> <li>3. (being) united in spirit,</li> <li>4. (being) intent on one purpose.</li> </ol> <p>A. Do nothing from (a) selfishness or (b) empty conceit, but (with humility of mind)</p> <p>B. let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;</p> <p>C. do not <i>merely</i> look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.</p>
	<p><b>If you have the slightest spark of spiritual life</b></p> <p><b>The way you can really make me happy is to...</b></p> <p><b>Fan it into flame and put it to good use by truly getting along</b></p>
<b>Jesus Christ Himself</b>	<b>EMPTIED</b>
	<p>Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. did not regard equality with God as a thing to be grasped,</li> <li>2. but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man,</li> <li>3. He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.</li> </ol> <p><b>Incarnation</b></p> <p><b>Crucifixion</b></p>
	<p><b>He started much higher than you ever were</b></p> <p><b>Messiah's Humiliation</b></p> <p><b>He went much lower than you'll ever go</b></p> <p><b>Lowest</b></p>
<b>Jesus Christ Himself</b>	<b>EXALTED</b>
	<p>Therefore also God</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. highly exalted Him, and</li> <li>2. bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are (a) in heaven, and (b) on earth, and (c) under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that <b>Jesus Christ is Lord</b>, to the glory of God the Father.</li> </ol> <p><b>Resurrection</b></p> <p><b>Coronation</b></p>
	<p><b>Messiah's Exaltation</b></p> <p><b>He ended up much more exalted than you'll ever be</b></p> <p><b>Highest</b></p>

What keeps you from doing this? Self-preservation and self-promotion. If I am of one spirit with someone, I rejoice when they rejoice and weep when they weep. I am "for" them, not "against" them.

**Have This Attitude**

1. Of selflessness and humility with each other
2. Because it's the attitude the Messiah had
3. Because it will truly be rewarded in the end

"selfishness" (vs.3) from noun that orig. meant "a day laborer"; later ref. to the attitude of those who worked for wages. Came to mean jockeying for position and intriguing for place and power. Finally it referred to the ambition which has no conception of service and whose only aims are profit and power. (Rienecher)