

MESSAGE NOTES on Philippians 2

WE SEE JESUS

• V 5-11 "Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing (he emptied himself). He took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on the cross.

• **NOTHING** – HE EMPTIED HIMSELF of His glory and power as God to fill himself with our nature and destiny to restore it to glory.

In our world He empties us of our sin, shame and death and takes it to the cross. He fills our world with salvation. One day He will fill His world with us. He will come again in glory to resurrect us to His world.

• "The ONE who existed from the beginning is the one we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. **He is Jesus Christ**, the Word of life. This ONE who is life from God was shown to us and we have seen him. And now we testify and announce to you that he is the one who is ETERNAL LIFE. He was with the Father and then he was shown to us." 1 John 1:1-3

• **PRESENCE**. He gives us the gift of His presence. In our deepest and darkest times, we may see nothing of this world to give us hope but we do SEE JESUS.

"You gave him authority over all things. Now when it says "all things," it means nothing is left out. But we have not yet seen all of this happen (everything made good). **What we do see is Jesus...**" Hebrews 2:8-9

• He has entered into our world of joys and sorrows. He dances at our weddings and he sits by our sick bed. God's answer to the miseries of our life is not to fix everything all the time. He didn't do that because He only did what He saw the Father doing. God does not make as nothing our free will and the consequences of our choices. His activity is to enter into our self-absorption and the misery it causes. He shines in our darkness and sets us free from our chains.

• **NAME**. We gladly join the angels and the saints in worshipping him. And we speak His name of unlimited power over the evil of life.

"Because of this, God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow down in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." V 9-11