

## Philippians 2. 5- 11

### A. The Structure *(based on a possible literal translation)*

“Let this way of thinking be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being (existing) in the form of God,

- (i) did not regard being on equality with God as something to be grasped tightly and used for His own advantage,
- (ii) but ***made Himself of no account***,
- (iii) *taking* on Him the form of a bond-slave,
- (iv) *becoming* in the likeness of men.

And, being found in fashion as a man,

- (v) He ***humbled Himself***,
- (vi) *becoming* obedient to the extent of death, and that death of a cross.

Wherefore God

- (i) also ***highly exalted Him***,
- (ii) and ***gave Him*** the name above every name:

that in the name of Jesus

- (a) every knee should bow – heavenly, earthly and under the earth; and
- (b) every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father”.

### B. Paul's Five Portraits of the Lord Jesus

1. Our Lord's status and glory *before* He became a man, v. 6.
2. Our Lord's breathtaking descent from His glory and throne to the manger at Bethlehem, vv. 6-7.
3. Our Lord's self-humbling when a man, taking Him down to the fathomless depths of death on a cross, v. 8.
4. That which, in response, God has *already* done for Him, v. 9.
5. That which God has decreed *shall be* done for Him by all others in the future, vv. 10-11.