

Pastor PJ Berner • Compass Bible Church • October 13th & October 14th, 2020 • Philippians 2:5-11

**An Instrument of Glory**

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read Philippians 2:6; Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:15. Taking into account these other passages, what does it mean in Philippians 2:6 that Jesus “was in the form of God”?
2. In considering the atoning death of Jesus for our sins, why was it necessary that he should be fully God?
3. Consult the word study on the Greek word for “grasped” at the following site: https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=G725&t=ESV How does the study of this word help you understand what Paul meant in verse 6 that Jesus “did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped”?
4. Philippians 2:7 has caused no shortage of controversy over what it means that Jesus “emptied himself.” Look up the same verse in multiple translations, especially the NIV and NKJV. How would you explain what is meant by this concept in your own words?

5. Consider the preposition that follows the phrase “emptied himself” in the ESV. What might this do to help our understanding of what it meant for Jesus to “empty” himself? Was this an emptying through loss or gain? Explain.

6. Read Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 2:17-18. Why was it necessary that Jesus take on full humanity in order to “become a merciful and faithful high priest”? What was it about his humanity that was necessary for the cross to count?

7. Read Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 2:9. What made it necessary for Jesus to become “obedient to the point of death” so that he “might taste death for everyone.”?

8. Read Philippians 2:8. Why do you believe it was necessary for Jesus to die his death on the cross? Is there significance to the instrument of his execution? Could he simply have been beheaded like John the Baptist? The Romans may have nailed him to the cross, but who served as the executioner? Is this significant? Why or why not?

9. Read Philippians 2:9. What contrast emerges between the end of verse 8 and verse 9?

10. What does Philippians 2:9-10 reveal about the outcome of the cross? Read John 17:5. How was the cross an answer to this prayer from Jesus?

11. Read Philippians 2:9-11. Has this occurred yet? Has part of this occurred yet? When will this ultimately be fulfilled if not already?

1. If the cross was an instrument of the glory of God, perhaps the greatest display of the glory of God through the defeat of sin and death, how might that help us come to terms with God’s sovereignty in creating a world where the Fall and the spread of sin was an inevitable part of his plan?
2. How does this passage further the idea that all God does, including the cross, is ultimately always and ever for his glory?
3. Read Philippians 2:9-11. Who is the one who ultimately receives the glory? How does this match up with 1 Corinthians 15:26-28?
4. What does this passage tell us about the purpose of our redemption? What should this mean for your life as a Christian husband, father, friend, churchman, coworker, boss, neighbor, citizen?