ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Live

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Lesson Title: Devote ALL to Christ

Lesson Text: Philippians 2:1-11

Suggested Reading Philippians Ch. 1-3

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INTRODUCTION

The apostle Paul preached the Gospel to the city of Philippi on his second missionary journey. One of Paul's first converts in the area was a prominent Philippian businesswoman named Lydia. She welcomed Paul and his entourage into her home, which was one of the first house churches in Philippi.

INTRODUCTION

Philippi. It was a Roman colony in Macedonia. The people of Philippi were proud of their status as Roman citizens, promoting Latin as their official language and taking advantage of their tax-free status. Many of the social and governmental institutions of Philippi were modeled after those in Rome.

LESSON OUTLINES

1. A Plea for Unity (Philippians 2:1-3)

2. Model the Humility of Jesus (Philippians 2:3-8)

3. Jesus Exalted Above All (Philippians 2:19-11)

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

- 1. **EVALUATE** ourselves, ministries & Church Body At-Large against the standard in the scripture.
- 2. EMBRACE & EMUALATE the Humility of Christ.

3. APPLY these Principles daily.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

- Name a few reasons that cause people lose sight of the significance of unity in the Church.
- 2. A). How does Selfish Ambition affect the purpose of Ministry. B) What is the purpose?
- 3. How does having the humility of Christ help us in our daily living?

PHILIPPIANS 2:1 NIV

1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love,

if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

PHILIPPIANS 2:2-3 NIV

- 2. then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.
- 3. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,

PHILIPPIANS 2:4-5 NIV

- 4. not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
 - 5. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

PHILIPPIANS 2:6 NIV

6. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8 NIV

7, rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8, And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-10 NIV

9, Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

PHILIPPIANS 2:11 NIV

11, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God, the Father.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. Commitment must be totally 100%.
- 2. Paul pleads with for Unity with ALL to REMEMBER & REFOCUS.

3. There is NO COMPETITION in Christ; Humility yields rewards from GOD.

LIBERATING LESSON

The language of "slave" and "servant" to describe the humility Christ modeled for believers, has the potential to take on different meanings in light of the African-American experiences. Modern-day believers should avoid harmful interpretations of this text that suggest we are called to purposeless suffering that does not affirm or benefit humanity.

LIBERATING LESSON

Humility is to leave the spotlight on Christ and GOD will elevate. Through humility, we assist those who are suffering and place their needs above ours. (With discernment & Wisdom) When we do this, we fulfill the Christian mandate of humility by serving others and lifting ourselves together to God through Christ.

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

- 1. EVALUATE ourselves, ministries & Church Body At-Large against the standard in the scripture.
- 2. EMBRACE & EMUALATE the Humility of Christ.

3. APPLY these Principles daily. KEEP CHRIST 1ST.

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