

Enjoy the Communion of Jesus' Obedience - Phil 2:5-11; 3:7-11

Some thoughts on these passages in light of celebrating Communion:

Q: What kind of mindset did Jesus have in order to go to the cross?

A: His mindset demonstrated at least 2 goals to be accomplished.

- 1) Show God's divinity apart from exercising all the power - v6
- 2) Show God's redemption by exercising divine sacrifice - vv7-8
  - a) Took the form of a bond slave
  - b) Took the form of human mankind
    - 1 - Selflessness (humility) to die
    - 2 - Selflessness (humility to die on a cross

Q: What does Jesus' mindset have to do with us? 2:1-4

A: Paul admonishes us to act upon Jesus' mindset in 3 areas.

- 1) Apply Jesus' gifts from self to others - be **generous** in unity
- 2) Apply Jesus' humility from self to others - be **second** in unity
- 3) Apply Jesus' sacrifice from self to others - be **servicing** in unity

Q: What does Jesus' mindset have to do with Paul? 3:7-11

A: Paul was willing to give up everything that made him who he was in order to be like Christ: "to know him and the power of his resurrection, and share his sufferings, even to the likeness of his death."

**ESV: Phil 2:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,  
<sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, <sup>8</sup>being born in

the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.