

Philippians 2

- 1) What does Paul encourage saints to do in verses 1 and 2?
 - a) What did Jesus pray for in John 17:20-21?
 - b) Verses 3-5 (of Philippians 2) tell us things that we can do (and be) that will help us to accomplish this goal - What are they?
- 2) Philippians 2:6-7 is misused by some who claim that Jesus "gave up" or "emptied Himself" of His deity when He came in the flesh. What does **verse 8** say that Jesus did that constituted emptying?
 - a) What does verse 8 actually say that Jesus did?
- 3) Read John 1:14 & 2:11, then Luke 24:26: Did Jesus "give up" His own divine "glory" when He came in the flesh? Or did He simply leave His *place* of glory?
- 4) What did the Father do for Christ after the Cross? (v. 9)
- 5) How is the Father affected or treated when men honor Christ? (11)
- 6) What does Paul tell saints to do with respect to their "salvation?" (12)
- 7) How does God work today to influence people for good? (*hint: look for two ways in verses 13-16*)

8) How do we harmonize Philippians 2:17 with 1:25 and 2:24?

9) What high commendation did Paul give Timothy? (20)

10) What do we know about Timothy's history with the church at Philippi:

a) From 1 Thessalonians 1:1 & 2:2?

b) From Acts 16:1-ff.?

11) Paul also praises *Epaphroditus* in verses 25-30:

a) What spiritual and working relations to Epaphroditus have with Paul?
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b) In what key way did Epaphroditus serve Paul and the Philippian church? (for help, see 2:25 & 4:18)

c) What happened to Epaphroditus (either on the trip, or after his arrival in Rome)?

d) How did this condition affect his stay?

e) Did apostles always *miraculously* heal people? (see also 2 Tim. 4:20)