

Part 6

The Mindset of Exaltation

Philippians 2:7-11

7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! 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, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Message notes:

God is a God of _____ –He lifts up the downtrodden and the humble.

You can boil Christianity down to the simple confession: Jesus Christ is _____.

When Jesus became human, it was _____.

When Christ was exalted, He brought the _____ mindset back in His ascension.

Jesus had joy that He could bring _____ to the Father in a way no one else could.

The other part of Jesus's joy is that He is bringing _____ with Him.

Even in the exaltation, Jesus's focus is not about _____.

The path of the mindset of Christ always ends in _____.

Additional notes:

Discussion Questions:

Why is it important to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord?

How can you see Christ's mindset at work in how He leads you today?

What is the danger when things begin to go well? Why does our mindset change?

How was Jesus able to look through all of His sacrifices for us and still find joy?

How does walking in the mindset of Christ lead to joy in our lives today?

What are some things that still need to change in your mindset to be more like Christ?

Ministry Time Questions:

Does anyone struggle to find the hope of the resurrection of Christ?

Is anyone dealing with issues of grief as we head into the holidays?