

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:1-11

**Singing:** 10:1-3 – 123:1 – 306:1-4 – 62:1-4 – 321:1-4

Intro: *The Mirror of Heaven*

A. Phil. 2:5-8 is an intimate revelations of Jesus Christ's heart

1. The Gospels reveals His history
2. This passage reveals a glimpse of His mind

B. Purpose of this glimpse: *change – reformation*

1. Scripture often presents Jesus as the saints' example
  - a. Matt. 11:29: *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Men*
  - b. John 13:12-17, 34: *I have given you an example that ye should do as I*
  - c. 1 Peter 2:21: ... *leaving us an example that ye should follow His steps*

**THE GLORY OF THE MIND OF JESUS CHRIST (1)**

- I. Ready to forgo His own glory II. Ready to humble Himself  
III. Ready to fulfill the servant's task

I. The Glory of the Mind of Jesus in His readiness to forgo His own glory

A. What was in the 'mind of Jesus?'

1. A readiness to put Himself aside *entirely* (vs. 5-7)
2. This glorious mind of Jesus is framed more sharply in vs. 6-7
  - a. 6a: He was in the form of God: Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3; 1 John 1:5
  - b. 6b: He thought it not robbery to be equal with God
  - c. 7a: But made himself of no reputation

B. To appreciate depth of His mind, contrast Him to us as man/woman

1. We were made in image – likeness of God: *What did we do?* (Genesis 3)

2. He was the express image of God: *What did He do?*

**Living this truth ...**

A. What does God call His servants to be: *Let Jesus Christ's mind be in you!*

B. How are we doing in the life *that is 'becoming of the Gospel of Christ?'* (1:27)

1. God's purpose is revealing this is *change*

a. His salvation work is all about changing sinners

b. Since we find change difficult, we often resist it

c. Consider this change a *may* rather than a *must*

2. What is a changed and worthy of Christ life look like?

a. It begins with *thinking differently – thinking through Christ's mind*

b. It includes *leaving our comfort zones* (vs. 6-7)

c. It is always asking *"What would Jesus do ... ?"*