



Philippians
a life shaped by the gospel

13. The Heart of the Gospel

Philippians 2:5-11

- A heart captured by the Gospel – what does it look like? Like Christ’s
- 1. The Glory**
 - v6 “Who being in very nature God”
 - He always was fully God. Undiluted God-ness. Creator of the universe
 - “Equality with God” – not an inferior member of the Trinity
 - In the perfect relationship of the Trinity – infinite love.
 - 2. The Humiliation**
 - “not something to be grasped” = clung to, used for self advantage
 - Jesus voluntary left it all for your sake
 - a) Became a nobody**
 - “made himself nothing” – still fully God, but gave up his rights
 - b) Became a slave**
 - “taking the form of a slave” – lowest of the low
 - The creator and King came to be a slave to the creatures
 - c) Became vulnerable**
 - “being made in human likeness” – Truly man, but not merely man
 - Vulnerable to tiredness, pain, hunger, betrayal, temptation
 - d) Became a substitute**
 - “and became obedient” – He stepped in to keep the law for you
 - He drew no line anywhere – “until death” – for your sake
 - e) Became a Curse**
 - “even death on a cross” – it was designed for utter humiliation
 - For the Jews it was also a sign of God’s anger – Deut 21:23
 - God cursed by God, for your sake
 - 3. The Exaltation**
 - “Therefore God exalted him” – note past tense
 - We wait for the day when all the world will see Jesus for what he is
 - All will bow – some willingly, some unwillingly
 - 4. Application**
 - “your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus”
 - This is the standard of all our interaction and service
 - Don’t hang on to your ‘rights’
 - Don’t fight for your reputation – be a nobody
 - Don’t count the cost when you serve others
 - Don’t look for appreciation – leave your exaltation in God’s hands
 - How? Think often about what Christ did for you



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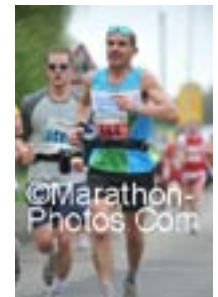
Sunday 18th October 09

Notices

- Sun Evening service at Bready RP Church 7pm
Followed by Psalm Practice for An Taisce service 8.15pm
- Mon-Thurs No Bible Study this week - instead an opportunity to support the Outreach meetings in Tower Hotel, Derry, 7.30pm
Mon - Whirlwind tour of the Bible - Mark
Tues - The Truth about Angels - Raymond Blair
Wed - What’s so special about Jesus - Steven Robinson
Thurs - Feeling Suicidal? Finding the best cure - John George
- Sun 25th Mark will be away on holiday from 24-31st. Service will be taken by Adrian Adger
If you require a minister while Mark is away, please contact Rev Stewart McMahan (91 39468) or Rev Stephen Wright (91 32436)
- Mon 26th Come and hear about our mission work in France. Convoy RP Church 8pm
- Wed 11th Presbytery date change - 11th November

getting to know the WIDER CHURCH

Congregation: Enniskillen
Status: New church plant - started Feb 2009
Presbytery: Western
Pastor: Robert Robb, married to Lynn, 2 children: David (living in the US), Sarah (studying in Spain)



Prayer points:

- Give thanks for encouragements so far – people from the area who have been attending and those who are considering membership
- Pray for guidance for John George as he considers the call to work with the fellowship
- Pray that people in the town will hear about the work of the fellowship
- Pray for opportunities to minister in schools – S.U’s, debating societies etc.

Sunday 1st - Phillipians 2:12-18

Opening Psalm: 106:22-26

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