

BIBLE CHALLENGE -

In verse 1, Paul is using a tool to express a strong idea. Paul already knows that what he is saying is true. He uses the word 'if' to make the point that there is action that must go along with the truth - 'then'.

Is there encouragement in Christ? _____
Is there comfort from love? _____
Do we participate with the Spirit? _____
Is there any affection and sympathy? _____

THEN what should we do?
Have the same:

M _____ among yourselves

L _____

V 5 Whose mind do we have? _____
(Whose attitude should we have together?)

V 7-8 What things did Jesus do before he was **highly exalted** - *lifted up, made great*?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Who exalted Jesus?

Why was Jesus exalted?

Philippians 2.1-11

Php 2:1-11 So **if** there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, (2) **[then]** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. (3) Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but **emptied himself**, by **taking the form of a servant**, being **born in the likeness of men**. (8) And being found in human form, **he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death**, even death on a cross. (9) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, (10) so 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.

Exalting Christ Crucified

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Isaiah 52.13 – 53.12 draw a box around the key scripture for today

Isa 52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Is 53 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned— every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Philippians 2.1-11 (see **BIBLE CHALLENGE** for this reading)



What is the most beautiful thing you have ever seen? Where was it? Why was it beautiful? Did it surprise you?

† Jesus has been EXALTED by God the Father

Philippians 2 confirms what was written in Isaiah.

Isaiah 52.13	Philippians 2.7-8
Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.	he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him...

In the Old Testament, *sprinkling the blood* of the sacrifice had three purposes:

52.15 'so shall he *sprinkle* many nations.'

1. consecration (making holy)
2. atonement (covering sin)
3. sealing a covenant relationship (*making a deep and lasting promise*)

Jesus died for us all and forever accomplishes all three things by **His** blood.

† Jesus has been REVEALED to people by God the Father

We need a **revelation** of who Jesus is to believe the truth about Jesus.

(revelation – an understanding of truth that comes from outside your own mind, from God. Something you have not seen or heard from a human.)

52.15 that which has *not* been told them they see, and that which they have *not* heard they understand.

People miss Jesus and do not follow because he does not meet our expectations.

† Jesus continues to be despised and rejected by people

53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

People still despise Jesus and do not follow him with their lives.

But WE have seen Jesus – we now have a great responsibility:

- Trust
- Be open to His continuing revelation
- Decide – receive Jesus fully and follow him now



Think about what God might be showing you:

How might you receive Jesus and follow him more fully?

In what part of your life right now must you trust Jesus?