THE THEOLOGY OF CHRISTMAS- Part III
Reference: **Philippians 2:5-11**
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verse five, *"Let this mind* (attitude) *be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,"*
verse six, *"who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,"*
The attitude that Jesus had that we are to reproduce in ourselves is a humble attitude.

Paul mentions 6 different phrases that demonstrate just how Jesus humbled Himself

verse seven, "*but made Himself of no reputation…"*
The word *"reputation"* is translated from the Greek word *"kenoo"* and the term *"kenosis"* comes from *"keno".* It means *"to make empty; to deprive of possessions and properties".* So the word "kenosis" means *"an empting of oneself."*

In part one of this message, we suggested four things Jesus emptied Himself of in being born at Bethlehem.
(see www.smchurch.net and the message from 12-20-15)

verse seven continued, *"…taking the form of a bondservant…"*

verse seven continued, *"…and coming in the likeness of men"*
Reference: **I Timothy 3:16a** (see screen)
Reference: **Colossians 2:9** (see screen)

verse eight, *"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself…"*
There are two ways to being humble

- we can humble _____
- we can be humbled by _____ or _____ _____

verse eight continued, "…*and became obedient to the point of death, "*

verse eight continued, *"…even the death of the cross."*

Notice the end result of Jesus humble progression.

verse nine, *"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him…"*

There's a basic principle illustrated in this verse that consists of two parts:

- Pride results in _____
  Reference: **Proverbs 16:18** (see screen)

- Being humble (humility) results in _____
  Reference: **Proverbs 15:33b** (see screen)
  Reference: **I Peter 5:6** (see screen)
  Reference: **I Peter 5:5** (see screen)

verse nine, *"Therefore* (because Jesus humbled Himself) *God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,"*

- God has given Him an _____ name
- God has given Him _____ _____

verse ten, *"that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,"*

verse eleven, *"and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*