

Hymn to Christ  
Philippians 2:5-11  
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2:5-11 The Ultimate Example – Jesus Christ

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 2:5

Stanza 1: The Condescension of Christ

2:6-8

Who being in very nature God (Form/ Essence)

**The Attitude**

Did not consider equality with God (John 5:18)

Something to be grasped (Used to own advantage)

But made himself nothing (Relinquish)

**The Abandonment**

By taking the very nature of a servant (Form/ Essence)

Being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man (Humanity)

**The Humiliation**

He humbled himself

By becoming obedient to death –

Even death on a cross!

(Paul's addition?)

Stanza 2: The Exaltation of Christ!

2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

**The Restoration**

And gave him the name

That is above every name

That at the name of Jesus

**The Adoration**

Every knee should bow (Worship)

In heaven and on earth and under the earth

And every tongue acknowledge (allegiance)

**The Confession**

That Jesus Christ is Lord

To the glory of God the Father.

Keys:

1. Jesus was fully God. (6a)
2. Jesus existed before his incarnation. (6b)
3. Jesus emptied himself of the independent exercise of his divine attributes during his incarnation. (7a)
4. Jesus was fully human. (7b)
5. Jesus so humbled himself that he submitted himself to the most degrading and excruciating of human deaths – crucifixion. (8)
6. As a result, God exalted him, to the highest place! (9)
7. One day, Christ will receive universal allegiance from every sentient power in the universe! (10-11)

Application:

- Who is \_\_\_\_\_?
- He is \_\_\_\_\_. (\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?)