



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 31st October 2021

Week 4 – Joy Awaits Philippians 2.5-18

1. Graham shared a personal testimony in the service on Sunday, where he reflected on the series on Joy. How did it encourage, inspire or challenge you?

To know what Jesus would do, we need to learn who Jesus is and what Jesus did.

Jesus' Deity

Please read Philippians 2.5-7; Colossians 1.15-17; Isaiah 7.14

2. Why is an understanding of Jesus' deity so important in appreciating his humility?

Jesus' Humanity

Phil 2. 7 "...being made in human likeness." Please also read 1 Timothy 3.16

3. When Jesus committed to becoming human, he went all-in and his decision was permanent - for all time. What do you think about that?

Jesus' Humility

He Comes Low - Phil 2.6 "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage..." Please also read Isaiah 53.2

4. How did Jesus choose to use his deity (if not for his own advantage)?

He Comes Even Lower – Phil 2.7 "rather, he made himself nothing (poured himself out) by taking the very nature of a servant". Please also read John 4.34, and Matthew 20.28

5. Jesus clearly didn't empty himself of his deity, but what did he choose to empty himself of? And what did he choose to take on himself?
6. How does this make you feel about Jesus?

He Comes Lower Still – Phil 2.8 "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!" Please also read Isaiah 53.1-5. Jesus chose to become fully human, accepting even the necessity of human death. In trusting His Father and The Spirit, he ruled nothing out.

7. Why did Jesus choose to humble himself to such an extent?

Jesus is Exalted

8. Please read Phil 2.9-11; Revelation 5.6; Hebrews 12.2-3 – 'The only human scars in heaven are the ones on the body of Jesus'. How does this make you feel about God?

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Please read Luke 18.14; 1 Peter 5.5-10; Philippians 2.3-4; Philippians 2.12-16

9. How is God speaking to you? What needs to be 'poured out' of your life so that you can serve God and others more like Jesus? Will you, like Jesus, take the very nature of a servant into your relationships?
10. God exalts the humble – how does this inspire you? How will it change you?