

TITLE AND NUMBER: 126. Jesus is Lord



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LOOKING FURTHER: John 13: 1-20; Philippians 2

What does this Bible passage tell us?

Paul wrote this letter to encourage those in Philippi to grow in their faith. Paul urges them to follow Jesus and, in their relationships with one another, to have the same mindset as Jesus did - a mindset of self-giving service.

This passage is an early statement of faith in who Jesus was and what He accomplished. It may also have been a hymn.

Jesus, who is God, became a human being and showed God's love in action. He showed us the depth and compassion of the love that God has for each person. Jesus' life was one of service to others. He remained obedient to God's will, taking the weight of the world's sin and evil when He died upon the cross. God raised Jesus from the dead and Jesus ascended back to heaven where God has exalted Him.

Today, this mindset of service, of self-giving love and of looking out for the needs of others is as important as it was when Paul wrote the letter. Whether it is by volunteering and helping with a food bank, caring for elderly relatives, encouraging someone with a friendly word on the wing, we are showing in our words and actions God's love to the world.

Reflections:

- What does this mindset of self-giving service mean to you?
- This Bible passage may have been an early hymn. Which hymns or songs help you in your faith? Try calling Daily Hope on the number overleaf and listen to the hymns there.
- Can you think of ways in which you can encourage and help someone this week?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.

SELF-GIVING SERVICE



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

