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BIBLE QUARTER TEST – THE THEOLOGY OF CHRISTMAS: Philip 2:1-11 fulfills the Gen 3:15 prophecy of Messiah
Applying Hermeneutic Principles & Tools to Develop the Skill of Bible Interpretation & Application

INSTRUCTIONS: There are three parts to this test. I reduced it since the class time is only 50 min.

1. **MEMORY:** On a sheet of PAPER, write Philip 2:6-8 from memory & hand it in – **NAME** on it.
2. **INTERPRET** [Philippians 2:1-11](#) using the Bible research tools we have discussed & used in class (see below)
 - * The process of interpretation is an effort to accurately draw out (**exegesis** not eisegesis) the author's meaning.
 - * Interpretation is not the time to agree or disagree. It is simply to first be sure you understand what is said.
3. **APPLY** the principles from the passage to your own personal life and relationships.

2. INTERPRET: *the author of Philippians is not only Apostle Paul, but also the Holy Spirit working in and through Paul.*

Read Philippians 2:1-11 carefully. It helps to read the surrounding context in Chapter one and then beyond 2:11. Notice that vv. 1-11 has two parts. Verses 1-4 are practical counsel from the Apostle Paul about how to live in order to honor God and benefit others. Verse 5 is a transition to the second section vv. 6-11. Verses 6-11 describe the perfect example of such a life that reveals the attitude and actions of God's character. That example is the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

- As you read 2:1-11 printed below, annotate by circling, underlining, highlighting AND WRITING NOTES, to show me your thinking as you try to understand the meaning of words, phrases, sentences, and sections.
- **BLUELETTERBIBLE.ORG** is the tool you **MUST** use to look up **AT LEAST 5 GREEK** terms behind the English translated words in 2:1-11 to get a deeper understanding of the meaning. As a part of your annotations, you should write those Greek terms above or below the English words along with the more complete definition of that term. Remember that **BLUELETTERBIBLE.ORG** also shows you where and how each Greek term is used and translated throughout the rest of the whole New Testament. This not only lets you see the terms different uses and translations by the human authors of the Bible, but also how the HOLY SPIRIT sometimes used a term in special ways.
 - * For example: The 1st century Greek culture had 4 terms for LOVE. In English we use "LOVE" for, loving a dog, ice cream, my wife, etc. But Greek is more powerful and descriptive. The most popular term for love back then in Greek was EROS with means a selfish desire. Their perverted culture worshiped the concept of eros. Yet the HOLY SPIRIT led all the New Testament (NT) authors so that NONE of them EVER used that term. In contrast, the NT authors used the opposite term AGAPE a lot, especially to describe God and His self-sacrificing love, even for His enemies (Romans 5:5-10).
- **COMMENTARIES** also can help you understand and more accurately interpret Bible passages. Beware, not all commentaries are good. The BEST commentaries are written by a person who: is a Christian, is an expert in Hebrew & Greek, and is committed to the inerrancy and authority of the Bible as God's Holy Word. But remember, all commentaries are imperfect human works that are NOT inspired. Only the Bible is the proven, perfect, inspired direct revelation from God our Creator.
 - * In the commentaries you will notice that they usually discuss other parts of the Bible where the same topic or doctrine (teaching) is discussed. This is because the VERY BEST commentary on any passage is what God in the rest of the Bible says about that subject.

SUGGESTED COMMENTARIES:

- o * Dr. Matthew Henry's Commentary:
 - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries/mhc/>
 - <http://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/>
- o Dr. John MacArthur (GTU.ORG)
 - <http://www.gty.org/Resources/Sermons/2003>
 - <http://www.gty.org/Resources/Sermons/80-205>
 - <http://www.gty.org/Resources/Sermons/90-280>
- o Links to many others commentators on Philippians 2
 - http://www.preceptaustin.org/philippians_28-11.htm

READ & ANNOTATE PHILIP. 2:1-11 BELOW AS THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE EXPLAINED:

¹ Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, ² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

⁵ **Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,**

⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WRITE YOUR INTERPRETATION OF PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 BELOW AS INSTRUCTED:

WRITE BELOW HOW THE TRUTHS AND COUNSEL IN THESE VERSES CAN BE APPLIED TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL LIFE & RELATIONSHIPS NOW AND IN THE FUTURE: