

**Philippians –
Above the Circumstances!**

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*The Way Up is Down***

Just don't burn the map!

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– The Imitation of Christ (vs. 5)

The heart made new by Christ longs to be like Christ
Christ's humility: the example to imitate

- John 13:14-15
- I Peter 2:21-23
- I John 2:6

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...being in very nature God...

Jesus was, is and ever shall be God!

...the mystery of godliness (I Tim 3:16)

Jesus was not, but came to be and forever is man!

...did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped ... made Himself nothing...

II Cor 8:9 became 'poor'

The only human being in the world who had the right to demand his rights, waived them

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Death by crucifixion

Became sin for us, became cursed for us

II Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13

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Down Leads Up – Exaltation (vs. 9-11)

God opposes the proud and lifts up the humble
I Peter 5:5,6

The way up, above the circumstances, is down!

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Despised

Ridiculed

Rebuked

Wronged

Slandered

Suspected