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Personal Study Guide

God is Self-Sacrificing

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Introduction

- ? What is your favorite sport to play? To watch?
- ? Why do you like that sport the best? What makes it different from other sports?

1. He Took on Flesh (Phil. 2:6-7)

- ? Is it necessary to believe Jesus was God incarnate (in flesh) to be a Christian? Explain.

- ? Application: Do you believe Jesus Christ was the Son of God and was born of a virgin to take on flesh? How might Jesus' humiliation on your behalf spur you on to humble yourself before your brothers and sisters in Christ?

2. He Underwent Trials (Phil. 2:8a)

- ? Why did Jesus humble Himself and take on flesh? What was the point?

- ? Application: How does Jesus' example and work on your behalf help you face trials when they come your way?

3. He Submitted to the Cross (Phil. 2:8b-11)

- ? Why was it necessary for Jesus to die on the cross? How does this great and glorious truth affect those who believe it?



Application: How do you view good works? Are they a way for you to gain God’s favor and pay the price for your own sin? Or are they out of an overflow of joy and gratitude because of what God has done on your behalf through Christ?

Conclusion



What has been most impactful for you as you’ve reflected on the sacrifice of Christ on your behalf?



How does the sacrifice of Christ lead us to live differently with those within the church? How has it enabled and empowered us to live in a sacrificial way with others?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Philippians 2:6-11
- Tuesday - 1 John 2:2
- Wednesday - 1 John 4:10
- Thursday - Ephesians 5:2
- Friday - 1 Peter 2:24
- Saturday - 2 Corinthians 5:21

Here’s How to Become a Christ-Follower:

Read the following verses and ask after each one: “What does this say to me?”

All have sinned: Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8

There is a penalty for sin: Romans 6:23 & John 3:18

You cannot save yourself: Titus 3:5 & James 2:10

Salvation has been provided: Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, & John 14:6

The conditions are simple: *Repent* - Luke 13:3, *Confess* - 1 John 1:9 & Romans 10:9, *Believe* - Acts 16:31

Now is the time for a decision: Joshua 24:15 & 2 Corinthians 6:2

Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians. Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).