

THE ONE THING MORE CERTAIN THAN TAXES AND DEATH

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Philippians 2: 1-11; Revelation 21: 1, 22-27

1. GOD BECAME MAN. – VV. 5-7
2. CHRIST JESUS HUMBLD HIMSELF AND DIED ON THE CROSS. – V.8
3. THEREFORE, GOD HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, - V. 9
4. WHY? – VV. 10-11
5. SO WHAT?

Philippians 2:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Footnotes:

- a. [Philippians 2:6](#) Or *in the form of*
- b. [Philippians 2:7](#) Or *the form*

Revelation 21:1 New International Version (NIV)

A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”^[a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Footnotes:

- a. [Revelation 21:1](#) Isaiah 65:17

Revelation 21:22-27 New International Version (NIV)

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.