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Jesus Christ came from the glories of Heaven
to the gutters of Earth to redeem mankind.

The depth of Christ's condescension (2:5-8)
is contrasted by the height of Christ's exaltation
(2:9-11) so that He remains incomparable!

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The Incomparable Christ

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 - A. Jesus was raised from the dead.

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If Christ is not risen, then [my] preaching is in vain and your faith is also empty . . . If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; [and we] are still in [our] sins . . . If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable . . . but now Christ is risen from the dead!

- 1 Cor 15:14, 17, 19-20

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If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,
His work had been incomplete.

If the Christ that was buried had stayed in the tomb,
He had only known defeat.

But the way of the cross never stops at the cross,
And the way of the tomb leads on

To the victorious grace in the heavenly place
Where the risen Lord has gone.

- Annie Johnson Flint

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[God] raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things*.

- *Eph 1:20-22*

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 - B. Jesus ascended into heaven.
 - C. Jesus was given all authority.
 - D. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father.

- II. The pronouncement of Christ's exaltation was exclusive (2:9b).
- III. The posture toward Christ's exaltation will be reverent (2:10).
- IV. The proclamation of Christ's exaltation will be universal (2:11a).

V. The purpose for Christ's exaltation is the glory of God (2:11b).

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There is more of God's glory and majesty to be seen in the manger and the cross, than in the sparkling stars above, the rolling deep below, the towering mountain, the teeming valleys, the abodes of life, or the abyss of death. Let us then give ourselves up to holy wonder, such as will produce gratitude, worship, love, and confidence, as we think of that great 'mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh.'

- *Charles Spurgeon*

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1. In God's economy, humility precedes exaltation.
2. If Christ's life was for the glory of God, why should our lives be anything less?
3. We ought to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

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I cannot conceive it possible for anyone truly to receive Christ as Saviour and yet not to receive him as Lord. One of the first instincts of a redeemed soul is to fall at the feet of the Saviour, and gratefully and adoringly to cry, 'Blessed Master, bought with thy precious blood, I own that I am thine, — thine only, thine wholly, thine forever. Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?'

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A man who is really saved by grace does not need to be told that he is under solemn obligations to serve Christ; the new life within him tells him that. Instead of regarding it as a burden, he gladly surrenders himself — body, soul, and spirit, to the Lord who has redeemed him, reckoning this to be his reasonable service.

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