

This week we will close out the fourth section in this journey of Memorize With Me. We have seen the Announcement of Jesus' mission, we have seen His Birth, we have seen His Commission and for these last four weeks we have been looking at His Devotion. Our passage this week is one that is more than likely familiar to you. It is a prophecy describing something that will include every person on the face of the earth. We have the opportunity to jump in on it now. Let's see how we can.

Philippians 2:10-11

Last week we spent a great deal of time talking about Jesus being exalted after He sacrificed Himself for us. We saw that we can follow that same pattern of taking up our cross and seeing God bring resurrection life to us. What a blessing. I hope that ministered to you last week.

Our verses this week allude to one way that Jesus will be exalted. They read:

“that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

This is a very direct statement. Every one who has ever walked the face of the earth will be included in this. Every knee that God ever formed will one day bow to Jesus. Every tongue that He designed will one day confess that He is the Lord. There are no exceptions and no exclusions.

One day in a worship service I heard the worship leader say, “I would rather bow my knee now while I am on the earth, than come to the conclusion when it is too late and bow it later when I am under the earth.” That thinking frames my thoughts that I would like to share today.

One day we all will bow, even those who choose to spend an eternity under the earth in hell will bow their knee to Jesus and confess Him as Lord with their mouth. Those who rise to meet Jesus in the clouds will bow and confess in heaven. I look forward to doing that there, but what about now?

We are on the earth. We have many opportunities every day to bow our knee to Jesus and confess Him as Lord. There is no need to wait for the future on this one.

How can I bow my knee to Him now? I can literally bow my knee when I am praying, I can obey Jesus when His will for me and mine conflict and I can put Him before all other things in my life. All of these and more signify ways that I can worship Him as Lord in my life right now, not waiting for the future.

How can I confess Him now? I can speak his name boldly in many different situations: when I pray, when I speak to someone about something good in my life, when I am just sharing with a store clerk, I can converse about my Jesus, taking every opportunity to speak His name in a way that makes it clear I believe in Him, trust in Him and worship Him.

There are some things in our Christian life that we just have to wait for. Bowing and confessing aren't on the list. I would like to ask you to consider today how you can bow your knee to Jesus this week, this day, this evening? I would like to ask you to consider how you can confess Him as Lord this week, this day, this evening.

So as you memorize these verses this week, remember - He is worthy, we are able. Why not now?

Bowing and confessing with you,
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