

**WEEKLY DEVOTION – Tuesday, October 6, 2020**  
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**“Every Tongue Confess”**

**READING: Philippians 2:5-11 – Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 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.**

Right from the start I want you to notice that St. Paul says, “...that at the name of Jesus *EVERY* knee should bow...and *EVERY* tongue confess...” *EVERY* knee and *EVERY* tongue – all of them, every single one of them in heaven, on earth, and in hell – they will ALL “...confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of the Father.”

When Jesus comes in glory at that last day, when the trumpet call of the Archangel is sounded and the dead are raised to life, when all eyes see Jesus coming in the clouds, Paul says *EVERY* knee will bow and *EVERY* tongue will confess. Believer and unbeliever, saint and demon, the Redeemed and the lost, ALL of them will bow the knee and confess that Jesus is Lord.

Lord here is the Greek word “*kurios*” – the same word that was used when the Hebrew Bible (our Old Testament) was translated from Hebrew and Aramaic into Greek. God’s holy name, the name he gave to Moses at the Burning Bush, was “*YHWH*” (“I Am”). When the translators needed to translate God’s Hebrew name into the Greek, they chose the Greek word “*Kurios*”. Therefore, when Paul says every tongue will confess that Jesus is “Lord”, he is saying all of them will confess that Jesus is “*YHWH*”, the Almighty, Triune God.

When Paul says *EVERY* tongue will make this confession, he’s not exaggerating! He means that every single human being will make that confession, but, oh my, will they make that confession with a different intonation! They will all say the same words, but the way they say them will make all the difference. See, you and I, when we realize what we are witnessing and realize that it is Jesus coming to take us home, we will make that confession as, “Jesus IS Lord! (I knew it!)” We will declare that with joy and elation, our hopes realized, and God’s promises fulfilled.

For the unbeliever, especially those who heard of Jesus, maybe learned about Jesus, those who rejected Jesus, they will speak the same words, but they will say them very differently. When they realize what they are witnessing and who it is they see coming, they will fall to their knees and with their tongue confess, (“O, God!) Jesus is LORD!” They will realize in that moment that what Christians had said about Jesus, believed about Jesus, hoped for in Jesus

was true and real and binding. They will realize that they have no standing before Him, and the things they had put their trust and hopes in were all just dust and falsehoods. They will despair even as they make their confession. It was all true, and they did not believe it. Too late!

To know Jesus NOW as our Lord, Savior, and Redeemer means that we ALREADY have eternal life in his name. It's not just our future hope, but the reality in which we now stand. Having been purchased by his blood, baptized into his name, and living our lives in faith, we already know that at the moment of the final trumpet call, we will see Jesus and rejoice. We will see him as he is, and our joy will be made complete. "JESUS IS LORD!" Thanks be to God! Amen.

**PRAYER:**

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S):**

There will be NO Saturday service on OCTOBER 10. Pastor Woods' son, Kyle will marry Makayla Robinson that evening, so the Sanctuary and both pastors will be unavailable.

There will be another DRIVE-IN worship service WITH COMMUNION on SATURDAY, October 17, 5:00 P.M. Come in the safety of your vehicle, tune in to 87.9 FM, and worship the Lord with us. The service will conclude with Communion and the Dismissal Blessing to send you on your way. If it's been a while since you last had opportunity to receive the Sacrament, come.

Emily and Eric Wenning's daughter, Louisa, is going to undergo a corrective surgery soon. They are going to need some help with babysitting their younger son and daughter. They could also use some light housekeeping help while Eric is at work and Emily runs doctors' appointments and attends to Louisa. If you could spare a few hours in either one or both of those tasks, they would be most appreciative. To talk to Emily, call (567-644-2545). You could be such a blessing to this family. Thank you.