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Christians should show respect for even the _____ of Jesus. We should be careful how we talk about God or Christ.

God the Father super-_____ Christ, lifting him from the lowest depths to the highest heights, from the humiliating death on the cross to be the resurrected conqueror and king.

This exaltation was not only due to Christ, it was _____ given by God the Father.

In one sense, the name _____ is above all others: we think of him when we think of the Messiah or Christ, the savior, the head of the church, the Lord of our lives, the one who will return as king. When he returns to judge everyone, every knee will bow to him in submission and reverence.

It is because Jesus is _____ that everyone submitting to Jesus with reverence will bring glory to God the Father. God has always said people should worship and bow down to only him. But Jesus is the divine Son of God in perfect unity with God the Father, so to glorify him takes nothing away from God the Father.

Psalm 2 teaches that only by honoring the anointed _____, the Son of God, can we worship God the Father in reverence and awe.

On the last day, everyone knee will bow to Jesus because every tongue will _____ that Christ Jesus is Lord, as everyone finally acknowledges Jesus as the ruler of the universe.

In Isaiah 45.18-25, _____ says that everyone will bow in allegiance to him as the only God, the ultimate ruler and only savior. By quoting from Isaiah, Paul is declaring not only that Jesus is Lord [master], but also that Jesus is the LORD, Yahweh, God and savior both.

Paul started this paragraph in 2.5 by declaring that _____ has eternally existed as the divine Son of God, and that is his point at the end in 2.11, that even as a human, Jesus still was the divine Son of God.

In one sense, Jesus has _____ God's exaltation, with his humility, obedience, and sacrifice. He deserves to be exalted above the rest of us.

It is also because of Christ's _____, not just his character, that God the Father exalts him to the point of our worship. If Christ were not the divine Son of God, he could not have humbled himself by coming as one of us, been perfectly obedient, nor accomplished anything in his sacrifice.

God the Father exalts Christ in part because he was _____ to be exalted, based on who he already was before creation, but also because Christ lived that out, fulfilling his mission.

God's character is revealed through Christ, who _____ himself, sacrificed, suffered, and offered grace by satisfying the judgment against us.

We should _____ our faith in Jesus as the Son of God and the Christ-savior [Messiah]. We should acknowledge this faith to ourselves and to God and publicly.

We should _____ Jesus, the Son of God, universal judge, future king, head of the church.

We should _____ the example of Jesus, learning to think and live as he did. Jesus modeled humility, selflessness, and sacrifice, to obey God, to bless others, to fulfill the gospel mission. This should be our approach to life.

Humble sacrificial _____ is the path to experiencing our own exaltation in Christ's kingdom. See Matthew 23.11-12; James 4.10; 1 Peter 5.6, 10.

Though everyone will bow to Jesus, that does not mean everyone will be _____. Some will bow and confess as they are condemned and must submit to the punishment.

We need to pursue our _____ of the gospel mission, making multiplying disciples of Christ, so all can hear of God's grace and love.

In 2.7, Paul said Christ made himself nothing, or _____ himself. Scholars have made a big to-do about this, wondering whether Christ divested himself of his divinity. We do not need to concern ourselves with their fanciful speculations. In 2.7-8, we see that this phrase refers to the Son of God coming as a mere creature. In 2.9-11, we see that the human Jesus is identified with being Yahweh, which is the name God gave himself in the Old Testament. So we can safely put aside the controversy and conclude that Christ did not empty himself of his divine attributes; rather he emptied himself by giving up having the status of God to have the status of a slave, he poured himself out in service to mankind, an ultimate example of selfless and sacrificial service.