

LESSON 5 – APPLICATION

REVIEW:

Discussion of **HOMEWORK** on page 17

Discussion of **“HE EMPTIED HIMSELF”**

REVIEW OF BIBLE STUDY METHODS:

Observation: What do I see? Historical setting – Meaning of words – Connectives

Interpretation: What did it mean back then?

Principlization: To restate the passage in a proposition.

Application: Applying the truth to one’s thoughts and conduct.

“Bible study without application is spiritual abortion”

Professor Howard Hendricks – Dallas Theological Seminary

“REVELATION DEMANDS A RESPONSE” James 1:21-25

22 **“But prove yourselves doers of the word,
and not merely hearers**

who delude themselves.

23 **For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer,
he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;**

24 **for once he has looked at himself and gone away,
he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.**

25 **But one who looks intently at the perfect law,
the law of liberty,
and abides by it,
not having become a forgetful hearer
but an effectual doer,**

this man shall be blessed in what he does”

USING THE PASSAGE PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 and the principles that the class worked out on page 18 let us now work on the Bible Study Method of Application.

SEVEN STEPS OF HIS HUMILITY: “To empty – Laying aside His privileges, not His divinity”

1. Pre-incarnate existence - He left His glory.

John 17:5 “And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was” **Hebrews 1:3** “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”

Equal with God – “**He existed in the (form - Greek – more-faye – likeness or external appearance) of God.**” He “**did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, to hang on to, to be seized**” His divine essence never changed. **Hebrews 1:8** “But of the Son He says, “Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom” **John 10:30-33** “I and the Father are one” **Colossians 2:9** “For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form”

2. “He made Himself of no reputation” “Emptied Himself – NASB” Luke 2:12 “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger.” **Matthew 13:55** “Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? **Isaiah 53:2** “For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.”

3. “He took upon Himself the (form - Greek – more-faye – likeness or resemblance) of a bondservant” John 13:3-5 “Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God, and was going back to God, rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself about. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded”

4. He was made in the likeness of men” (Greek – skay-ma-tee – likeness or fashion as a man – His manner of life like eating, the sandals He wore, His skills as a carpenter, His changing outward appearance from a child to an adult) **Luke 2:52** “And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” **John 10:33** “The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because **You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.**”

5. “He humbled Himself” He submitted His divine attributes to the will of God. **Hebrews 10:7** “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come (In THE ROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF Me) To do Thy will, O God.’ ” **Luke 22:41-42** “And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, “Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; **yet not My will, but Thine be done.**”

6. “He became obedient unto death” Hebrews 5:7-8 “In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, **He learned obedience** from the things which He suffered.”

7. “even the death of the cross” Hebrews 2:9 “But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone”

The Nicene Creed written in A. D. 325 to unify the church’s belief in the divinity of Christ.

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

Personal Application

Principle

IS THERE A

Reproof or Rebuke? _____

Example to follow? _____

Sin to forsake? _____

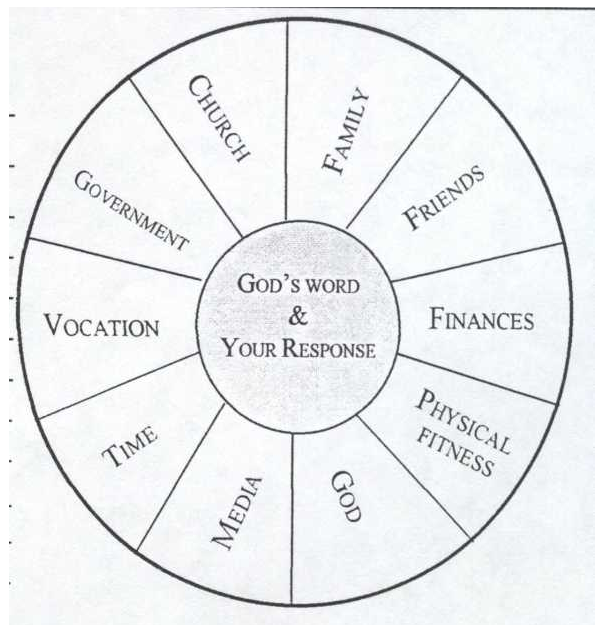
Promise to claim? _____

Orders to obey? _____

New thought about God? _____

Definite action I should take? _____

I am applying the truth to me by



Application: Application to Contemporary Situations

| Topic | Parallel Contemporary Scene |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| People/Child Youth /Adults | |
| Sociology Life Style | |
| Health/ Medicine | |
| Employment | |
| Education | |
| Arts | |
| Media/TV News/Movies | |
| Music | |
| Books | |
| Sports | |
| National/ International | |
| Business Economy | |
| Law | |

LESSON FIVE – PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed,
not as in my presence only,

but now much more in my absence,

work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

13 for it is God who is at work in you,

both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

14 Do all things without grumbling

or disputing;

15 that you may prove yourselves

to be blameless
and innocent,
children of God above reproach

in the midst of a crooked
and perverse generation,

among whom you appear as lights in the world,

16 holding fast the word of life,

so that in the day of Christ I may have cause to glory

because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering

upon the sacrifice and service of your faith,

I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

18 And you too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.