**Philippians 2: 5-8, NKJV,**

**“**5Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. 8And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.”

**When the Apostle Paul wrote, he emphasized the authentic sacrifice that the Lord Jesus Christ offered for all mankind. He urged and challenged new Christians to embrace "the same mindset as Christ Jesus!"**

**Here’s a “check it out”/ “BYA” (Because You Asked) MOMENT--According to Gerald F. Hawthorne, 1983, “Echoes of Philippians may be heard in the writings of Clement (*ca.* AD 95), Ignatius (*ca.* AD 107), Hermas (*ca.* AD 140), Justin Martyr (d. *ca.* AD 165), Melito of Sardis (d. *ca.* AD 190) and Theophilus of Antioch (later second century). Polycarp of Smyrna (d. *ca.* AD 155) addresses himself to the Philippians and directly mentions Paul as having written them (3.2). Irenaeus (d. *ca.* AD 200). Clement of Alexandria (d. *ca.* AD 215), Tertullian (d. *ca.* Ad 225) and the later fathers not only quote from Philippians, but assign it to Paul as well. Philippians appears in the oldest extant lists of NT writings—the Muratorian Canon (later second century) and the special canon of Marcion (d. *ca.* AD 160). There apparently never was a question in the minds of the Fathers of the Church as to the canonical authority of Philippians or about its authorship.The authorship of the book, then, according to most scholars is fairly certain: Paul wrote it.”**

**And, a "cupla" more things to "chaw on," digest, "mull over," ponder, meditate, contemplate, cogitate, muse, reflect, ruminate, “chew” and cerebrate FOR ALL OF YOU “SELFIES” OUT THERE~~~**

**Paul said this:**

**1. "He (Jesus) made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."**

**and**

**2. "He (Jesus) humbled Himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even the death of the cross!"**

**And, so in the spirit of the Philippian Church, and in remembrance of the "life-changing" phrases of Paul, may you have a thoroughly thought-provoking, thrilling, 'thirsting for the truth' time in “God’s Word.” This “He Humbled Himself” Monday, think about the Lord’s great legacy, and assume, adopt and accept "the same mindset as Christ Jesus!"**

***It is always,***

***Because of Him***

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**Dear LORD and God, I am humbly reminded today of Your great sacrifice, the incredible gift of Your agony on the cross, and Your care over me. Thank You for the eternal promise of the resurrection. Thank You for conquering death and teaching us how to daily live in Your calling. Let me worship You, adore You, and pay homage to Your majesty today; show me how to love You more with my life. Be with those struggling in unthinkable circumstances, illness, afflictions, addictions, and heartache. Bring them the hope of Your “soon coming again.” Prepare my path for service that I might please and honor You. Forgive me when I question, stagger, or hesitate; let Your courage fill me with determination to live like Paul. Thank You for Your Word and its details and directions. Show me new and hidden truths so that I might carry Your cross to the world. Bring Your kingdom quickly. I love You always. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**