



The Mind of Christ

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To THINK (phroneo) - 11x

- ★ **1:7** – to think; to feel [describes his feelings for them]
- ★ **2:2** (2x) – likeminded + one mind
[describes type of unity in ecclesia]
- ★ **2:5** – this mind [describes an attitude of mind]
- ★ **3:15** (2x) – this mind + think otherwise
[describes similar or different point of view]
- ★ **3:16** – same mind [describes similar thinking]
- ★ **3:19** – set their mind
[describes those whose mind is stuck on earthly things]
- ★ **4:2** – same mind
[describes two sisters who need to be in agreement]
- ★ **4:10** (2x) – care + care [describes thoughtful concern]



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★ Overall meaning?

the dominant attitude & outlook
of a person

Unity = Uniformity?



Jesus' Example

★ Verse 6:

‘Who being in the form of God... *did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.*’

Contrast to others:

- ★ Adam & Eve
- ★ King of Babylon & Tyre
- ★ Man of Sin
- ★ Caesar



Jesus' Example

★ Verse 7:

‘But ~~made~~ himself of no reputation...’

‘But **emptied himself...**’

Isaiah 53:12

‘I will divide him a portion with the great
*because he poured out his soul unto
death.*’



Jesus' Example

★ Verse 7:

‘taking the form of a **bondservant**...’

Same word as LXX:

Isaiah 49:3, 5

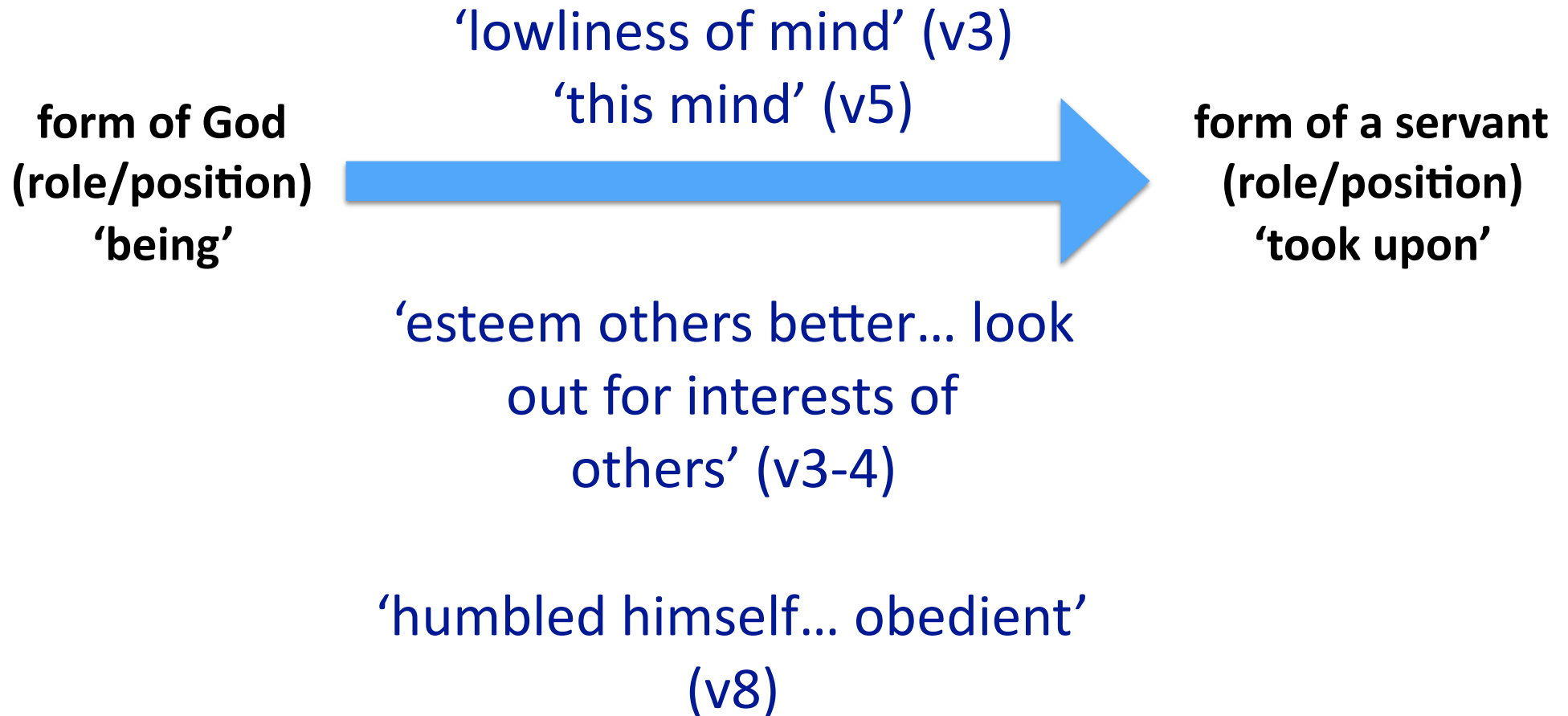
‘...who formed me from the womb to be
His servant...’



'form' = Grk 'morphe'

- ★ Rare NT word
- ★ lit. = form, resemblance
- ★ In what sense? What can we rule out?
- ★ Used 2x here - must mean the same thing in both cases (context is key)

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'form' - why this word?

Theme of Servant Prophecies (40-66)

- ★ 'formed' (to mould) = 26x in Isaiah
 - ★ Chpts 1-39 = 5x
 - ★ Chpts 40-66 = 21x
- ★ Jeremiah = 11x; Psalms 8x
- ★ **Key:** Isaiah 49:5

Significance?

- 'in the form' implies a 'former'
- GOD's WORK!



Shine

**“A candle light is a protest at midnight.
It is a non-conformist.
It says to the darkness, ‘I beg to differ.’**





Lessons from the past...

Paul's allusions to Israel in Num 11-15:

Concept/Issue	Philippians	Numbers
Problem of complaining	2:14	14:27, 29; [11-12]
Complaining against leaders / discontent	Hints of this? 1:1; 1:27; 2:2; 1:17; 2:3; 2:29; 4:2; 1:13:17	11:2; 12:2; 14:10
Drink offering	2:17	15:5 (whole chapter)



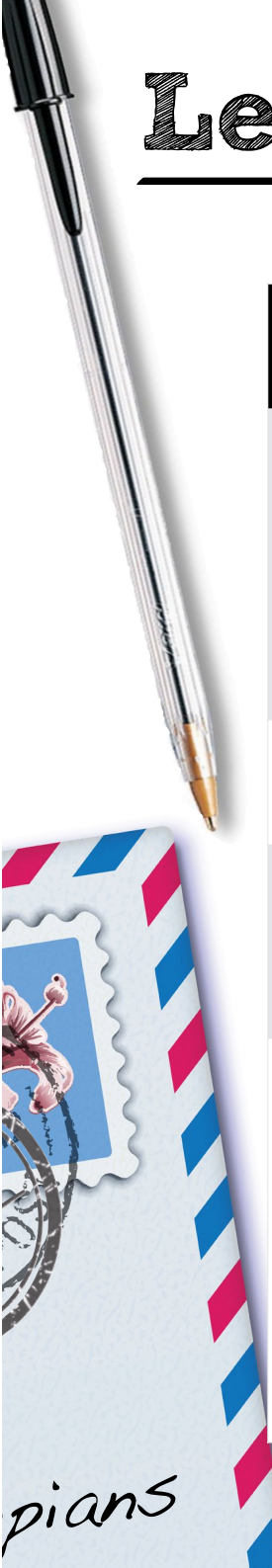
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Concept/Issue	Philippians	Numbers
Leader an example of humility	Key theme: 2:3,4,8,12,20 Jesus + Paul	12:3 – tolerant, etc. = Moses was not self-seeking
Two women at odds	4:2	12:1
Among crooked/perverse generation	2:15	13:28-29 <i>*Deut 32:5 (themselves!)</i>
Leader (Moses/Paul) guiding to promised land	2:16	14:5, 26-30, etc



Lessons from the past...

Concept/Issue	Philippians	Numbers
Two key examples in their midst	2:19,25 Timothy & Epaphroditus	14:6 Caleb & Joshua
Importance of obedience	2:8,12	14:9,41,44
Witness to others around	2:15	14:14-17
End Purpose = Glory to God	2:10-11	14:21



Lessons from the past...

Concept/Issue	Philippians	Numbers
Imperative to out-work their redemption	2:12 <i>*redeemed in Christ!</i>	14:22; 15:41 <i>*liberated from Egypt!</i>
'Children'	2:15	14:31 [Deut 1:39]
Promise of salvation	3:20	15:2
God will do it ! (complete)	1:6; 2:17; 3:21; etc. *idea of drink offering – completed the sacrifice	15:1-5, etc. *idea of drink offering – completed the sacrifice



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Let this mind be in you.



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