

SHAPE UP!

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11



SERMON OUTLINE -- APRIL 14, 2019

“Shape Up”

(Philippians 2:5-11)

INTRODUCTION: *Have you ever been told to “shape up”?*

I. ON THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY, THE CROWD WANTED JESUS TO **SHAPE UP**

- A. They wanted Him to be a conquering hero, not a crucified Saviour
- B. But St. Paul tells us that Jesus’ shape was that of a servant
(Philippians 2:5-9)

II. PAUL DECLARES WHAT **SHAPE WE ARE NOT TO BE IN**

- A. Since Genesis 3 (the devil’s temptation) and throughout history, the urge to be ‘godlike’ defines mankind
- B. Martin Luther says such a desire is like a rotten apple core in our stomachs

III. PAUL ALSO DECLARES WHAT **SHAPE WE ARE TO BE IN**

- A. This is the shape of a servant, like Jesus
(Philippians 2:5-9; Matthew 20:28)
- B. Yet, competition & recognition is the standard in our society & even in the Church
- C. What shape are you in?

IV. THE **SHAPE JESUS TOOK, RE-SHAPES US FOR ALL ETERNITY**

- A. He took on the shape of a servant for you, to His death on the cross
(Philippians 2:5-9)
- B. His shape was disfigured & despised for you (Isaiah 52:14; 53:3)
- C. His shape was revolting as He bore your sins & the sins of the world
(John 1:29)
- D. Yet... His shape was glorious as He was victorious over sin, death, & devil, for you (Philippians 2:10-11)

CONCLUSION: *My Dr. told me I was in good shape at age 65...
Because of Jesus, YOU are in **great shape** for all
eternity.*