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**Introduction**

The hymn text of Paul to the Philippians is considered one of the famous texts Paul wrote. This is because it contains famous Christological hymns that depict the summary of the life of Jesus Christ while he existed in flesh on earth. The reason the text is famous it shows Christ's humbleness and obedience when he obeyed and was obedient to death when he was crucified. For this reason, Christians are expected to emulate Christ's ways and by doing so, they become his followers as written by Paul. Paul's text in Philippians 2:5-11 addresses the relationship of Christians with one another (Martin, 1997). This essays answers question two and three of the questions.

1. Having the same mindset as Christ’s.

Having the same mindset as Jesus Christ means having his characters like Jesus in everything that we do. Jesus's qualities include humbleness, kindness, love among others. Having Jesus's mindset is carrying these characters more so when relating with the people you live with. The character of selflessness is emphasized as it was prophesied in Isaiah 53. As to prophesy indicated, Christ was to suffer by sacrificing himself for the sake of the world. Another verse is john 3:16 when God who gave sacrificed his only son to save people (Nel, 2020). The verse also addresses the equality of people with Christ. As in Genesis, the lord says he made man from his likeness, meaning that God and man should have the same characters as substantiated in the book of john 1:1-55. These verses when compared preach the same idea of sacrificing for other people to create a good relationship.

1. Comparison between the description of Christ in the hymn and Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53 talks about the prophecy of the messiah the Christians were anticipating as promised by the Lord to Abraham, Jacob, and the Israelites at large. The verse seems to be a bit strange since it talks about a king who will be brought from a very poor background (Reicke, 2019). As anticipated by many people, a king should be a person with high standards living a luxurious life, the same was expected by the Jewish as they learned of the coming of Jesus. Isaiah 53 correlates with Philippians 2:5-11 because it talks about the selfness of Jesus Christ as he came as a normal living person, denied himself for the sake of other people. Jesus had the power of evading death on the cross, but he chose to feel pain as humans do to reunite them with God. The verses teach Christians to love one another to the extent of sacrificing for them.

1. **Poem about Christ’s Mindset**

*Christ’s mindset is denying your right, for the sake of other people,*

*Bringing Christ’s news that brings light, to the life of his people,*

*Christians may have an excuse for their pride, justifying their ego,*

*But to him they should emulate, the mindset of suffering King.*

*As Isaiah and others prophesied, the coming of a poor King,*

*Abraham was also promised, the fulfillment is evident and seen,*

*Jesus was true and uncompromised, his works were keen,*

*But to him they should emulate, the mindset of suffering King*

Conclusion.

Philippians 2:5-11 is one of the common texts written by Paul. It was directed to Philippians, as Paul was preaching the good news of Christ and how people should emulate his life to go to heaven. The verses talk about one's sacrifice for the sake of others as Isiah 53 described the messiah as a suffering master.

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