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GOD the Father has given all believers the same Divine power that GOD the Son had when He walked on the face of the earth.

As we begin our subject concerning the LORD's Supper, we need to make sure that we are on the same page and thinking as our LORD would have us think.

For example, we start out with a little bit of encouragement:  
**PHI 2:1-2, If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ [and there is], if there is any consolation of love [and there is], if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, Bring to completion my inner happiness [in your life] by thinking the same things, maintaining the same virtue-love, united in soul, concentrating on the same objective.**

Notice that this is a passage that reveals the importance of unity or the importance of thinking as our LORD would have us think.

**PHI 2:3-4, Do nothing from selfishness motivated by empty conceit or contentiousness or ambitious pride, but**

**with humility of mind [by means of grace orientation] let each of you keep on considering one another as more important than himself; do not merely be regarding your own personal interests, but also for the personal interests of others.**

Then in that very famous command that we read in **PHI 2:5**, **“Keep on thinking this [doctrine] within yourselves which was also resident in Christ Jesus,”**

**MAT 11:20-22**, **“Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent.” Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!**

**For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.**

**Nevertheless, I say to you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you.**

By the way, this is one of the many passages that reveals that there are degrees of judgment in the eternal state. This means that some individuals will be under a severer judgment because of their attitude toward the LORD.

Therefore, a principle emerges: Just like there are degrees of

blessings for the winners in the eternal state, there are also degrees of punishment for losers inside of the plan of GOD.

So, in MAT 11:23-26, our LORD goes on and we read; **“And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.**

**Nevertheless I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.”** At that time

**Jesus answered and said, “I praise Thee, O Father, LORD of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from the wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight.”**

Continuing with our subject of the unity of believers who have the very mind or the very same thinking of our LORD, beginning in MAT 11:27, **“All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.**

Notice once again the tremendous power of GOD working with the omniscience of GOD as verse 27 states.

First of all, there is the principle in MAT 11:27 which states that there are a few vital passages for us to live by. Let me break it down a little so that you and I can get a few biblical principles to live by; therefore, our LORD says: **“All things have been handed over to Me by My Father;”**

First principle: As a part of the doctrines found in the Word of GOD, GOD the Father has given all believers the same divine power that GOD the Son had when He walked on the face of the earth.

Remember that when our LORD lived on earth, HE relied on the same exact power from GOD the Holy Spirit along with the power of the Word of GOD; HEB 9:14; LUK 2:40,52.

For we read in **HEB 9:14, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to GOD, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living GOD?**

So, the first principle : As a part of the doctrines found in the Word of GOD, GOD the Father has given all believers the same divine power that GOD the Son had when He walked on the face of the earth.

Second Principle: In MAT 11:27b, we are told and instructed that no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son. In fact, it is quite obvious

that we cannot force anyone or anything that would hinder our relationships with GOD as well as our relationships with man.

**Remember, in LUK 2:40, The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of GOD was upon Him.**

**LUK 2:52, And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with GOD and men.**

Now, with all of that in mind, look at how powerful the Word of GOD is whenever the believer submits to the Word of GOD as the vehicle of the supernatural life that flows through the believer's, body, soul, and spirit.

**Remember something our LORD said in JOH 7:37-39, Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'" But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

These words are words of life that can sustain the believer when he or she is faced with any problems, any difficulties, or any form of stress whatsoever.

We know that because of what our LORD taught to believers of the Church-age.

**MAT 11:28-30, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light.”**

So, our LORD has given us some great Biblical passages that deal with the subject of intimacy with HIM. Now, many of you know that I like to quote different translations of the Bible at times.

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That is a great translation as it applies and is revealed to GOD's family; In fact, there is a translation called the Complete Jewish Bible Translation which translates **PHI 2:5-11, Let your attitude toward one another be governed by your being in union with the Messiah Yeshua: who, (a reference to our LORD) although He preexisted in the essence of GOD, did not think equality with GOD a gain to be seized, but He deprived Himself or He emptied Himself of the proper function of deity when He had**

**received the form of a servant and was born in the likeness of men.**

**In fact, although having being discovered in outward appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of spiritual death, that is the death of the cross.**

**Therefore, also the GOD has highly exalted Him to the maximum, and bestowed on Him the name or rank which is above every name, in order that at the title of Jesus every knee of the heavens should bow, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should acknowledge that Jesus Christ is LORD, resulting in the glory of GOD the Father.**