

Be LIKE Christ ~ Philippians 2:5-11

→Scripture Reading Phil 2:3-8

INTRODUCTION

Entitlement- it is to go through life thinking everyone one OWES us...

Humility is the opposite of Entitlement

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, **but in humility** consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (NIV)

Christ Jesus HUMBLED Himself ~ Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped...

As to **His PERSON**, Christ always WAS, IS, and always WILL BE equal with God. MacDonald

But **POSITIONAL** equality is different. From ALL eternity Christ was Positionally equal with His Father, enjoying the glories of heaven. MacDonald

⁷ but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made **in human likeness**.

He did NOT give up deity, but He laid aside His glory and submitted to the humiliation of becoming a man. NIVSB

He emptied Himself by taking upon Himself humanity - something He had never done before. He did not lay aside His Deity, only His place in heaven, and that only temporarily. MacDonald

The FORM of God could not be relinquished, for God cannot cease to be God; but our Lord could and did take on the very form of a bond servant when He entered human life by the Incarnation. Expositor's

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!

IMPLICATION

⁵ Your ATTITUDE should be the Same AS that of Christ Jesus

The ATTITUDE of Christ Jesus was... MacDonald

➤ SELFLESS - gave up His POSITION

John 1:14 (NIV) The WORD became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

➤ SERVANT - gave up His RIGHTS

Mark 10:45 (NIV) ...the Son of Man did NOT come to BE served, BUT TO SERVE...

➤ SACRIFICIAL - gave up His LIFE

Mark 10:45 (NIV) ...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to Give His Life as a RANSOM for many."

IMPLICATION

⁶ Who, being in very NATURE God... ⁷ ...made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant... ⁸ ...He humbled Himself and became OBEDIENT to death

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV) For you know the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became POOR, so that YOU through His poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT) You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was RICH, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

John 13:14-15 (NLT) ...since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

Humility means we...

- Admit what we do not KNOW
- Confess when we are WRONG
- Celebrate when others do Really WELL
- Gladly share the CREDIT
- Honestly Rejoice with those who Rejoice

God EXALTED Christ Jesus ~ Philippians 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The entire intelligent universe is called to Worship Jesus Christ as LORD. MacArthur

IMPLICATION

¹⁰ ...at the Name of Jesus every knee WILL bow... (HCS)

We can Exalt Him Every day

- by bowing to His WILL - submit to His plans for us
Heb. 12:3 (NIV) Consider HIM who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
- by bowing in OBEDIENCE to His Word
Ps. 119:11 (NLT) I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- by bowing in HOPE
Lam. 3:21-23 (NLT) Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: ²² The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. ²³ Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.

Blessed be Your Name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name - When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name
You give and take away - You give and take away
My heart will choose to say - Lord, blessed be Your name

TAKE AWAY ??

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NIV) ⁵ Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. ALL of you, clothe yourselves with HUMILITY toward one another, because, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the HUMBLE. ⁶ HUMBLE yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

What Value is there in Humility?

- True Humility FREEDOM from
- KNOW God in a Deeper Way
- God Lifts us Up in DUE Time
- He Carries our FEARS He CARES