

April 24, 2016
Philippians 2:1-11

THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST

I. Introduction:

Question: What is the most Christ-like attitude a Christian can have?

28] "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29] Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30] For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30

II. What Attitude Does Christ Want To Develop In Us?

Christ wants to develop the attitude of _____

Question: How Do I humble myself?

Answer: Focus upon _____. Jesus represents the life of _____.

III. Unpacking the Passage: The Exaltation of Christ

The Exhortation To Unity:

1] **If** you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, **if** any comfort from his love, **if** any fellowship with the Spirit, **if** any tenderness and compassion, 2] then make my joy complete by being **like-minded**, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

The Exhortation To Be Like-Minded:

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.** Philippians 2:1-4

The Example of Christ:

5] **Your attitude** should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6] Who, being in **very nature**^[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7] **but made himself nothing**, taking the very nature^[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8] And being found in appearance as a man, **he humbled himself** and became obedient to death— **even death on a cross!** 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.

3 Aspects of Christ's Life

- A.) His life before coming to earth. (verse 6)
- B.) His Arrival on earth (Verses 7-8)
- C.) His life Following his departure from earth (Verses 9-11)
 - a. The Exaltation of Christ

IV. Conclusion and Application:

What Does It Mean To Confess Christ As Lord?

POINTS TO PONDER
Week Of April 27th to May 2nd
Philippians 2:1-11

Open It

1. When was the last time you had a squabble with a family member?
2. *How much of a peacemaker are you?

Explore It

3. *What four qualities mark unity with Christ? (2:1)
4. How can Christians show their unity in Christ in practical ways? (2:2)
5. *What did Paul say about self-centeredness? (2:3-4)
6. What did Paul exhort believers to have? (2:5)
7. What did Christ set aside when He became a man? (2:6-8)
8. How did Jesus limit Himself? (2:6-8)
9. How was Christ fully God and fully man at the same time? (2:6-8)
10. *How is Christ the best example of humility and unselfishness for us? (2:6-8)
11. Why did Christ take on the limitations of being human even though He was of the same nature as God? (2:7)
12. How did God exalt Jesus? (2:9)

13. How did Christ win sovereignty over all people and over everything? (2:10)

14. What confession will every person make? (2:11)

Get It

15. How does your life show that you count on Christ?

16. How do petty quarrels hold you back in your Christian walk?

17. *How can Christ help you keep peace with others?

18. What hinders unity in your church?

19. What kind of disposition does Christ want us to have?

20. *How does Christ's example of humility challenge our natural self-centeredness?

Apply It

21. *What practical steps can you take this week to demonstrate humility in your relationships?

22. For the sake of unity in Christ, what petty squabbles should you clear up right away? How?