

## Applying The Humility of the Incarnation

Text: Phil. 2:5, 8

Date: 1-3-21 @ 10:30 am

- I. **Humbly Supreme (Phil. 2:6).**
- II. **Human Servant (Phil. 2:7).**
- III. **Humbly Subservient (Phil. 2:8).**

Jesus was found in fashion as a man. The Greek word is *schemati* which means *fashion* or *appearance*. It refers to outward senses and shows that He was truly human flesh.

**“His deity did not make Him more or less than a Man, and His humanity did not make Him less than absolute Deity. He became in the likeness of man, and He was found in fashion as a man. He was not a man but God, although He had assumed human nature yet without its sin”.<sup>1</sup>**

**The Lord Jesus Christ came to this earth in human flesh, so that He might die on a cross. He was Born to Die!**

Christ willingly gave Himself on the cross for the profit of all humanity. **Jesus was the model of love and humility like no other person!**

### Picture Christ's humility like this:

- He was God, and was glorified as He should be, but thought it not something to be snatched. That is humility.
- Still Deity, He veiled aspects of His deity and became a servant, fully man. That would still be great humility.
- Even more, as human, He died.
- Even more, He died a death like no other. He was sinless, yet He was put to death in the same way as the worst of sinners. He wasn't the only person to die on a cross, but in His death he bore our sins, hung in our place, and received the wrath of God.

**Christ did more than count the cost. He was the cost, and He paid the cost willingly.**

“It is one of the paradoxes of the Christian life that the more we give, the more we receive; the more we sacrifice, the more God blesses. This is why the submissive mind leads to joy; it makes us more like Christ. This means sharing His joy as we also share in His sufferings. Of course, when love is the motive (Phil. 2:1), sacrifice is never measured or mentioned”.<sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> Wuest, K. S. (1997). *Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament: for the English reader* (Php 2:8). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

<sup>2</sup> Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Vol. 2, p. 76). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

**At Christmas we can look at Christ from 2 perspectives:**

**1. As someone who believes in Christ, we can rejoice and learn from his HUMILITY.**

Paul desired that the believers put away the lifting up one's self for personal glory.

We must have a desire to seek the best welfare of others.

Are you willing to count the cost for another person like Christ did for you? Are you willing to leave the comfort of your home to serve the person who has no home? Are you willing to take a modest view of yourself and lift another up through prayer and action behind that prayer? Would you be willing to unselfishly go over to someone's house and get dirty serving them? How about offering a meal to someone in need? What about praying with another person as you wrap your arms around them? There is nothing so humble for a believer than praying with another person over their needs.

**2. As someone who may not believe in Christ, Christmas as seen in this passage brings HOPE!**

Hope can only be found in Christ. Christ is the answer for our sin problem. Christ, God and human at the same time, came to take your place and punishment when He went to the cross.

**CONCLUSION**

**At this time of the year, there is no better way to live out the indwelling Jesus Christ than through humility. My passion for you is to live with JOY, which is actually a mirror of Humility: Jesus, Others, Yourself.**