

THE PRIORITY OF HUMILITY!

Phil. 2: 3-16

Psalm 113:5-6

I. THE HUMILITY OF JESUS! No tree can grow except on the root from which it sprang!

**** The Gospel of John sets forth the humility of JESUS:**

1. "The Son can do nothing of Himself..." (John 5:19) 2. "I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." (John 6:38) 3. "My teaching is not Mine" (John 7:16) 4. "I do nothing of Myself" (John 8:28) 5. "I have not come of Myself but He sent Me." (John 8:42) 6. "I seek not Mine own glory" (John 8:50) 7. "The words that I say, I speak not from Myself" (John 14:10)

**** JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT HUMILITY:**

1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt.5:3, 5) 2. "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." (Matt. 11:29) 3. "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:4) 4. "For he who is least among you, this is the one who is great.." (Luke 9:48) 5. "Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve ... (Matt. 20:26-28) 6. "But the greatest among you shall be your servant." (Matt. 23:11) 7. "For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted." (Luke 18:14) 8. "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)

II. Tragic selfishness/PRIDE was ATTACKING the witness of the Church at Philippi:

1. Phil. 2:20-21;

2. Phil. 3:18-19

**III. THEREFORE, THE HOLY SPIRIT moved Paul's pen to write about Jesus:
Phil. 2: 5-11**

IV. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF!

1. The Creator humbled Himself— He took on the form of a created being:
Philippians 2: 7

2. JESUS was Eternal and Equal with the Father, but He HUMBLLED HIMSELF—
He was obedient to imperfect parents: Luke 2:49-52

3. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF— just look at those He befriended: Mark 2:13-17

4. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF— 2 Corinthians 8:9

5. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF— Hebrews 4:15

6. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF— Luke 7:34; John 8:41

“FOLLOW ME!”—Luke 14:25-27

7. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF to be despised and rejected of men: Isaiah 53:1-8

8. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF— He learned obedience from the things He
suffered: Hebrews 5:8

9. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF— To death on the cruel Cross: Philippians 2:5-8

APPLICATION: When you COME TO JESUS by faith through grace, you will...
MATTHEW 11:28-30; 1 PETER 2:18-21; ROMANS 12:14-21

10. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF— to take away the sin of the world: John 1:29
2 Cor. 5:21

Question: HAS JESUS TAKEN AWAY YOUR SIN? 1 JOHN 3:5-10

11. JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF— Isaiah 53:6

12. JESUS HUMBLER HIMSELF— to a painful, shameful ACCURSED death... to die not as a hero but as a criminal: Deut 21:23; Gal. 3:13

A BLESSED → WHEREFORE: Philippians 2:9-11

V. LESSONS FOR US FROM THE HUMILIATION OF JESUS CHRIST:

1.LESSON: HAVE FAITH IN HIS ATONING SACRIFICE

John 3:16 / Rom 5:8-11 / Gal. 3:13

→ FLEE TO CHRIST!

2. LESSON: CHRIST'S HUMILIATION SHOULD CULTIVATE IN US A GREAT AND GROWING HATRED FOR SIN:

Gal. 6:14 / Gal 5:24 / Rom 6 / Rom 8:8-12 / Heb 12:1-3

3. THE LESSON OF OBEDIENCE

Phil. 2:3-8 Phil. 2:14-16 Romans 13:11-14

4. LESSON: GOD HIMSELF is HUMBLE!

Psalm 113:5-6→ "Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!"

(Philippians 2: 1-8)

5. LESSON: HUMILITY IS Our Greatest Friend! PRIDE IS Our Greatest Enemy! Isaiah 66:2b "...saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor (he who is humble) and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." "This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My Word." Or as James 4:6 tells us, "God... gives grace to the humble."

6. LESSON: GOD hates all sin! But GOD has a special hatred for pride:

Prov. 6:16-19; Prov. 8:13; Prov. 16:5.

GOD NOT ONLY HATES PRIDE— HE OPPOSES THE PROUD:

James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5

EXAMPLE: A proud man vs. A humble man:

Luke 18:9-14

1. Proud People have their focus on the real or imagined failures of others.
2. Humble People are overwhelmed with a sense of their own spiritual need.

QUESTION: Are you broken and humble, one who cries out for mercy and gives mercy?

7. BOTTOM LINE LESSON: WE ALL HAVE A TWO-FOLD GREAT NEED:

(1) MORTIFY OUR PRIDE! (2) CULTIVATE HUMILITY!

1. "Fill your affections with the cross of Christ that there may be no room for sin!" (John Owen)
2. "There is only one thing I know of that crushes me to the ground and humiliates me to the dust, and that is to look at the Son of God, and especially contemplate the cross. *When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.* Nothing else can do it. When I see that I am a sinner...that nothing but the Son of God on the cross can save me, I'm humbled to the dust... Nothing but the cross can give us this spirit of humility!" (Martyn Lloyd-Jones)
3. "All of us have inflated views of ourselves, especially in self-righteousness until we have visited a place called Calvary. It is there at the foot of the Cross, that we shrink to our true size." (John Stott)
4. "Abide close to the cross, and search the mystery of His wounds!" (C.H. Spurgeon)

5. ABIDE CLOSE TO BETHLEHEM AND CALVARY... AND SEARCH THE MYSTERY OF HIS HUMILITY: Phil 2:3-15