



Follow Christ's Humble Attitude

Phil 2:5-8 || December 11, 2022

Context

- **What mind is worthy of the Gospel of Christ? A humble and unified mind (Phil 1:27-2:4)**
- **Now, Paul gives us the reason, the model we are to follow, the example that we are to emulate, which is Christ himself.**

The Kenotic hymn Phil 2:6-8

1. **Jesus is "very God from very God"** (Nicene Creed) Col 2:9, Heb 1:2-3

2. **Jesus is truly God and truly man (Council of Chalcedon**

a. And what does Christ empty?

i. *"The text teaches, then, not that Christ emptied Himself of something, but that He emptied Himself. He nullified Himself; He made Himself of no effect. The Son Himself is the object of this emptying. He did not empty the form of God, nor the divine attributes, nor His divine prerogatives, but Himself."* || Mike Riccardi

ii. Christ empties an amount of "glory, exaltation, prestige" John 17:5

b. Jesus takes on a new form, that of a human slave.

i. Hypostatic Union: Emptied his glory and humbly took on flesh.

Applying Humility

Why is it important for us to learn and believe in the Incarnation?

Because Christ's humility is the model for us to live in unity.

Comparing Christ's Humility to ours:

Christ's Humility:

1. Humility of Christ to the Father to not grasp equality but empty himself
2. Humility of Christ to take on human flesh
3. Humility of Christ to become a slave
4. Humility of Christ to become obedient to death on a cross.

Our Humility:

1. Are you Humble enough to empty yourself (salvation)?

- a. Counting ourselves as dead in our trespasses and sins, humbling ourselves before God.
- b. Luke 18:13-14

2. Does your humility represent Christ in the world?

- a. *You may be the only Jesus that someone ever sees*
- b. Luke 14:10-11, 2 Cor 5:20

3. Are you Humble enough to become a slave to all?

- a. Bond-servants are subject to all as we should be.
- b. 1 Cor 9:19, Mark 10:44

4. Are you Humble enough to lay down your life?

- a. Luke 9:23, Phil 1:21, John 15:13

This type of humility is only possible by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:3-11