

The Humility of Christ at Christmas

Philippians 2:5-8

Introduction:

Philippians 2:5-8 *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

STEP 1 – Christ didn't press for His _____

6 *who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped*

Colossians 1:16 *For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.*

STEP 2 – Christ _____ Himself

5-7 *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself*

STEP 3 – Christ embraced the role of a _____

7b *taking the form of a bond-servant*

2 Corinthians 8:9 *Though Christ was rich, yet for your sake He became poor.*

STEP 4 – Christ lived as a _____

7c *and being made in the likeness of men*

STEP 5 – Christ _____ like a man

8 *Being found in appearance as a man*

1st Christ was SINLESS

Hebrews 4:15 *For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.*

2nd Christ is GOD

STEP 6 – Christ chose to _____ Himself

8 *Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself*

I am the least of the apostles – 1 Corinthians 15:9 in A.D. 59

I am the very least of all the saints – Ephesians 3:8 in A.D. 63

I am the foremost of sinners – 1 Timothy 1:15 in A.D. 64

James 4:6b *God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*

STEP 7 – Christ was _____

8c *by becoming obedient*

Acts 2:23 *This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.*

John 3:36 *He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*

STEP 8 – Christ's obedience had no _____

8d *to the point of death, even death on a cross*

1st Christ was obedient to the point of accepting DEATH

1 Corinthians 6:9 *Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?*

2nd Christ was obedient, accepting the death of a CRIMINAL

A – How can I _____ a Christian?

B – How can I live _____ as a Christian?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. When people think of Jesus being born as a baby, what do they imagine that is not correct?
2. Why would Jesus take all these steps of humility?
3. What did Philippians 2 review about Christ that you don't often think of at Christmas?
4. What steps will you take to follow the example of Christ this week?
5. If you can't earn your salvation and you can't live the Christian life on your own, what will you do?

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