

# Living **by His WORD**

## HUMILITY like Christ



In my research of **Phil 2:1-8**, I thought this information was so good, I'm passing it on to you:

**Let this mind be in you, who was also in Christ Jesus** – the object of this reference to the example of the Savior is particularly to **enforce the duty of humility. 1Pt 5:5** (NKJV)

This was the highest example which could be furnished, and it would illustrate and confirm all the apostle had said of this virtue. The principal in the case is, that we are to make the Lord Jesus our model: **Romans 8:29** and are in all respects **to frame our lives** as far as possible, in accordance with this great example. The point here is, that He left a state of inexpressible glory, and took upon Him the most humble form of humanity, and performed the most lowliest offices, **that He might benefit us.**

To be **like minded** really means to have the mind of Christ, (**1 Cor 2:16**) to see things as He would see them, and to respond as He would respond. To **have the same love** means to **show the same love** to others that the Lord has shown to us, a love that did not count the

cost. **Matthew 22:37-39**. To be **in one accord** means to work together in harmony toward a common goal. Finally, to be **of one mind** means to act so united as to show that Christ's mind is directing our activities. **1 Cor. 1:10** From:

*Albert Barnes notes of the Bible.*

**Nothing** whatever should **be done through selfish ambition or conceit**, since these are two of the greatest enemies of unity among the people of God. **Selfish ambition** is the desire to be number one, no matter what the cost.

**In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.** This does not mean that we must consider criminals as having better moral characters than our own, but rather that **we should live for others unselfishly.** putting their interests above our own. To **esteem others better than ourselves** is utterly foreign to the human mind, and we cannot do it in our own strength. It is only as we are indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit that it can ever be practiced.

**James 4:10**

When we read that Christ Jesus was **in the form of God**, we learned that He existed **from all eternity as God**. It does not mean that He merely resembled God, but that He actually is God in the truest sense of the word. **John 14:9-11**

Yet He **did not consider it robbery to be equal with God**. Here, it is of

most importance to distinguish between personal and positional equality with God. As to His person, Christ always was, is, and will be equal with God. It would be impossible for Him to give that up. But positionally equality is different. From all eternity, Christ was positionally equal with His Father, enjoying the glories of Heaven. But He **did not consider** this position something that He had to hold onto at all costs. When a world of lost mankind needed to be redeemed, He was willing to relinquish His positional equality **with God** – the comfort and joys of Heaven. He **did not consider** them something that He had to grasp forever and under all circumstances.

Thus He was willing to come into this world to endure the contradiction of sinners against Himself. God the Father was never spit on or beaten or crucified. In this sense, the Father was greater than the Son – not greater as to His person, but rather as to his position and the manner in which He lived. Jesus expressed this thought in **John 14:28** if you love me, you will rejoice because I said, I am going to the Father, for my Father is greater than I. In other words, the disciples should have rejoiced to learn that he was going home to Heaven. While on Earth, He had been cruelly treated and rejected.

*From: Believers Bible commentary*

God bless,

*Pastor Jann*

**BASIC INFO**

**SERVICE TIMES**

Sunday Morning **10:30 AM**      Wednesday Evening **7:00 PM**

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- Church Grounds Clean-Up** | Saturday, Feb. 10th @ 10 AM
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