

The Humility of Christ

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Philippians 2:5-11

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Introduction

The central meaning of humility is freedom from pride, lowliness, meekness, modesty, mildness. Humility is from the Greek Kenosis “an emptying” used in theology with reference to the self-abnegation of the Son of God in becoming incarnate, and entering upon his state of humiliation. Jesus made himself of no reputation,” “emptied himself.” It also means self-deprivation, or the laying aside of something that Christ possessed as a divine person (John 17:5).

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- I. He has always existed with God (Rom. 1:2-5; 2 Cor. 8:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:14)
- II. He is equal to God because He is God (John 1:1-5; Col. 1:15-19)
- III. Though He is God, He became a man in order to fulfill God’s plan of salvation for all people v.6 (2 Cor. 8:9, Luke 9:58; Matt. 13:55)
- IV. He did not just pretend to have man’s body; He actually became a man to identify with man’s sins v.8 (Heb. 4:15)
- V. He voluntarily laid aside His divine rights, privileges, and position, out of love for His Father v.7 (Matt. 20:28; Isa. 50: 6; 53:3, 7; John 10:15)
- VI. He died on the cross for our sins, so we wouldn’t have to face eternal death v.8 (Gal. 3:13; Matt. 9:10-11; Lk. 15: 11-12; John 10: 17-18)
- VII. God glorified Him because of His obedience v.9 (John 6:38; Heb. 10:9)
- VIII. God raised Him to His original position at the Father’s right hand where He will reign forever as our Lord and judge v. 10-11 (Heb. 12:2; John 10:15)
- IX. Conclusion