

“The Humble Jesus”

Phil. 2:5-8

Introduction

- I. The faithful child of God will put forth labor to develop a life of humility (James 4:10).
- II. This may seem difficult because many teach that one's main emphasis should be on self.
- III. Jesus showed humility by “emptying” himself, serving others, and dying for us.

Discussion

- I. Jesus showed humility by “emptying” himself.
 - A. We should never forget the depth of humility that Jesus showed.
 1. Jesus forfeited His “glory” that He enjoyed in Heaven (Phil. 2:5; Col. 2:9; John 1:1-5; 17:5).
 2. Jesus became man (John 1:14; Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15 [cf. Matt. 4:1-11]).
 - B. We must learn to “empty” ourselves as well.
 1. Everything good that we are and have is because of God (Acts 17:28-34; Matt. 25:14ff.).
 2. Man must learn to see himself as dependent upon God (Rom. 12:3).
- II. Jesus showed humility by serving others.
 - A. Jesus showed compassion and care for man (Matt. 9:35-38; John 13:1ff.; Mark 10:45).
 - B. Jesus also taught the importance of serving others (Matt. 20:20-28).
 1. Some disciples were concerned with being “great”.
 2. Jesus explained that true “greatness” comes from being a servant.
 - C. We must learn to serve others as well (Phil. 2:1-4; Gal. 5:13; 6:9-10; John 12:26).
- III. Jesus showed humility by dying for us.
 - A. The obedience of Jesus was complete, even to the death (Phil. 2:6-8; Rom. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:18-19).
 - B. Our humility should be demonstrated in our faithfulness and willingness to die for the Lord (Rom. 12:1-2; Rev. 2:10).

Conclusion

- I. There was never a more humble person than Jesus.
- II. We who follow after Him should endeavor to humble ourselves so that we will be more like Him.