

The Extreme Humility of Christ

The example of Christ for the sake of unity

Philippians 2:5-8 **part TWO**

Introduction

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. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. **8** 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 RIGHTS ^{6b}

STEP 2 Christ _____ Himself ^{7a}
7 but emptied Himself

MADE HIMSELF NOTHING

FIVE ACTIONS OF CHRIST WHEN HE EMPTIED HIMSELF

1st He temporarily stripped Himself of His divine _____

John 17:5 "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was"

2nd Jesus emptied Himself of independent divine _____

John 10:30 I and the Father are one

John 5:30 I can do nothing on My own initiative

Matthew 26:39 My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me, yet not as I will, but as You will

3rd Jesus emptied Himself of THE VOLUNTARY EXERCISE of some of His divine _____

Matthew 24:36

4th Jesus emptied Himself of His eternal _____

2 Corinthians 8:9 For your sake He became poor so that you through His poverty might become rich

5th Christ emptied Himself temporarily of His intimate and face-to-face _____ with His heavenly Father

2 Corinthians 5:21 made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin on our behalf, so we might become the righteousness of God in Him

Matthew 27:46 out with a loud voice, saying 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?'

A = We are a proud people in a proud culture; we must work at _____

1 Peter 5:5 ... and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

B = We are a selfish people in a selfish culture; we must work at _____

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many

Matthew 23:11 the greatest among you shall be your servant

C = We are a materialistic people in a materialistic culture; we must work at _____

Matthew 6:2 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

D = We are a sinful people in a condemned state; we must turn from _____ and _____ on Christ alone

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-We are NOT Greeks, so what are the top 10 biggest issues of pride Christians in our region struggle with?
- 2-What is an accurate understanding, practically and theologically, when Paul says in verse 7 Christ emptied Himself?
- 3-What are the errant textual and theological views of the Kenosis [emptying] biblical Christians must avoid?
- 4-How can believers, like Christ, MAKE THEMSELVES NOTHING in their everyday lifestyle and relationships?
- 5-When you reflect on the five actions of Christ when He emptied Himself, which one means the most to you and why?
- 6-What is one way you will seek to dependently change on the basis of what you learned from Christ emptying Himself?

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