

# Eight motivations for Unity

The *example* of Christ for the sake of *unity*

Philippians 2:5-8 Part **THREE**

## Introduction:

5-8 *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 \_\_\_\_\_ 6b

STEP 2 Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Himself 7a

STEP 3 Christ embraced the Role of a \_\_\_\_\_ 7b

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

[ ] John 13

STEP 4 Christ lived as a \_\_\_\_\_ 7c

Luke 2:52 *Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

STEP 5 Christ \_\_\_\_\_ like a man 8a

1<sup>st</sup> Christ was \_\_\_\_\_

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.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Christ is \_\_\_\_\_



## STEP 6 Christ chose to \_\_\_\_\_ Himself 8b

Kenneth Wuest *And being found to be in outward guise as man, He stooped very low, having become obedient [to God the Father] to the extent of death, even such a death as that upon a cross.*

John Flavel *They that know God will be humble, and they that know themselves, cannot be proud.*

*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.*

**Proverbs 29:23** *A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.*

D.L. Moody *Be humble or you'll stumble.*

Andrew Murray

## STEP 7 Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ 8c

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Christ was obedient to the point of accepting \_\_\_\_\_**

*Hebrews 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, ...*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Christ was obedient, accepting the death of a \_\_\_\_\_**

**A Give yourself to \_\_\_\_\_**

**B Make a habit of \_\_\_\_\_ on The Holy Spirit**

*Ephesians 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

**C Fight for \_\_\_\_\_ in relationships and in the Church**

*Ephesians 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

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

- 1-What was the point of the Hymn Paul quotes in verses 5-8? Why did Paul write what he wrote in these verses?
- 2-Of all the eight steps of humility listed in verses 5-8, which one was the most difficult for Christ; then for us?
- 3-Why must a Christian choose or decide to be humble? Why doesn't humility come naturally to a Christian?
- 4-What does Christ's willingness to obey His Heavenly Father to the point of death teach you about the Trinity?
- 5-What does this passage imply how humility could change the way you speak, give, serve, act and make decisions?
- 6-What are some steps you can take to live humbly in your marriage and family, at work and at church?

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