

God is glorified

exaltation by God leads to His glory

exaltation by self leads to vain glory

1 Corinthians 10:31

From Eternity Past to Eternity Future

Take it Home

Humility frees me to serve and obey God without worrying about who gets the credit.

Do you get what Jesus did?

Grasping

Humility

Obedience

Lordship

Engage Joy, pt 14 Relational JOY through Unity, Pt 2 Philippians 2:1-11

Relational Joy in practice

Review: Joy, unity, and selfishness

The way up is the way down.

see 1 Peter 5:5b-7; 1:11

Don't miss the impact!

Danger

Command: *have this attitude* (v 5)

What did Jesus have? (v 6)

form of God = exact representation

equality with God = manner of existence (cf Col 2:9)

How did Jesus think about that? (v 6)

not something to be **grasped**

humbled Himself

What did Jesus do about it? (v 7-8)

emptied Himself

obedient to the Father

expression of humility: place **under** God

*took on the form, likeness & appearance of **man***

took on = adding to, not an **exchange** for

What was the purpose? (v 8b)

to **die** on a cross

form = exact representation (as in v 6)

extent of humility: **complete** self-sacrifice

likeness = similarity that allows for **differences**

crucifixion

appearance = **external** conformity

What was the result? (vs 9-11)

God accepted His "payment," evidenced by His **exaltation**

summary: Christ did not empty Himself of divine attributes (form), but of the manner of existence as equal to God ⇒ the free, independent exercise of deity.

Every person will acknowledge His **Lordship**