

The Humility of Christ

"He Humbled Himself"

The call to humility is a recurring theme in His ministry on earth:

Matthew 5:5 → "Blessed are the meek" – the humble ones

Luke 9:48 → "He who is least among you all is the one who is great"

Luke 14:11 → "He who humbles himself will be exalted"

Jesus introduced the concept of humility as a grace/virtue both by His example and by His teaching.

Andrew Murray says:

"Humility, the place of entire dependence on God, is the first duty and the highest virtue of man. It is the root of every virtue."

→ → → Let us look at some of those ways Jesus conveyed humility throughout His earthly life and ministry:

I. Jesus' Humility Conveyed

A. In His incarnation → He laid aside the majesty, the splendor of heaven and took on the limitations of our humanity.

B. He did not seek honor or praise from men or from God.

C. He was totally dependent on His Heavenly Father → not independent

D. Was seen in His serving.

E. Is seen in what we call His Triumphant Entry.

F. He came as a humble King NOT a conquering warrior.

G. Is seen in His response to insults and injury.

H. Is seen ultimately in His death.

Philippians 2:8

"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

I. In His absolute submission to the will of His Father.

II. Jesus' Humility Continues

A. Jesus will always be humble all of eternity.

1. He was not just humble when he got to the cross, but then he rose from the dead and ascended to heaven.

2. I Corinthians 15:28

"When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him [that is, to God] who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all."

B. When we see John's vision in the book of Revelation 4 & 5, where he sees the holy God seated on His throne, who does John see next to the throne?

1. **How does Christ appear in that picture?**

2. **John said, "I saw a lamb standing, as though it had been slain" 5:6 the humble Son of God—the humble, incarnate God, for all of eternity.**

C. Our hope being rescued from the depths of our sinfulness, is in the fact that Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death on a cross.

III. Jesus' Humility Cultivated

A. The starting place → is to realize that we do not have it.

1. **It does not come naturally to us.**

2. **It is something that God gives, BUT we are also called to humble ourselves.**

B. Matthew 11:29:

"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, → I am meek, gentle, humble, lowly in heart. Learn from Me → and you will find rest for your souls."

1. **What brings us to a place of humility where we would rather be humble than proud?**

2. **"Study the humility of Christ."**

a. **It is Christ in us, the humble Christ, who become the source of humility.**

b. **He motivates us to be humble. He enables us to be humble.**

c. **"Learn from Me. I am meek and humble in heart."**

d. **Andrew Murray indicates the way in which our Lord's humility may become ours:**

"It is only by the indwelling Christ in His divine humility that we become truly humble. We have our pride from another, from Adam; we must have our humility from Another, too → Christ."

e. **So, we meditate on Him, contemplate His humility, servanthood, His love, and the lengths He stooped to rescue us.**

f. **Meditate in the cross.**