

The Son Who Became a Servant

Philippians 2:5-11

I. Why does Paul focus on the imitation of Christ's "attitude"?

- A. Christ's example teaches believers to forsake divisive attitudes (1:27; 2:2-4; 2:14).
- B. Christian unity is crucial for the advancement of the gospel (1:27; John 17:21).

II. What is this passage teaching us about the Lord Jesus Christ?

- A. Who He Was Before His Incarnation – Fully and completely God (v.6, John 1:1; 17:5).
- B. Who He Became During His Incarnation – A human being who retained his deity, but laid aside his divine rights and privileges (vv.7-8a; Colossians 2:9).
- C. What He Chose – A humiliating death as an act of obedience to God (v.8b).
- D. What He Gained – Universal honor (vv.9-11).

III. Conclusion

Living humbly and unselfishly is not easy, but it most certainly leads to a joyful life (Hebrews 12:2).