

THE MIND OF CHRIST

(Philippians 2:5-8)

I. PAUL'S EXHORTATION FOR UNITY MARKED BY HUMILITY (2:1-4)

II THE HUMILIATION OF JESUS CHRIST (2:5-8)

A. Paul commands every Church Age saint to literally "let this mind or _____ be minded in you _____ and _____ again." (2:5a)

B. In the apostle's repeated appeals for you and me to be like minded with all lowliness of mind (2:1-4), he now lifts up the greatest of all examples of _____ and _____, the Lord Jesus. (2:5b)

* If Christ is our example, how can we possibly hang on to our own pride or be consumed with our own self interests?

C. The words, "*who being*" denotes _____, Jesus did _____ begin to be in the form of God at some point, but He was always from eternity in the form of God. (2:6a)

D. Christ was (and is) God; the phrase "*in the form of God*" (*en morphei theou*) refers to the basic essence of His _____ nature, not His _____ appearance. (2:6b)

* What would this nature consist of, and which members of the Godhead would it include?

E. Jesus did not consider His _____ with God (that He had shared for eternity) as some kind of selfish _____ to be grasped. (2:6c)

F. While it is impossible for a sovereign God to be humbled by anyone or anything, it is possible for an omnipotent God to _____ out of His own volition. (2:7a)

* How is “humiliation” viewed in our modern culture?

G. The marvel of the redemptive plan of God was that He _____ to humble Himself as a servant before His own creation, when He clothed His own _____ in human flesh. (2:7b)

H. Christ was indeed 100% human, not only in _____ (*schemati*), but with all the characteristics of humanity, that being His physical figure, senses, _____, limitations and _____. (2:8a)

I. Paul expressed what Jesus did in His humanity; He suffered complete _____, voluntarily dying a violent, _____ death on a cross. (2:8b)

J. The eternal Son of God went through unspeakable _____ horrors, _____ trauma, and _____ anguish of His soul like no other human being ever experienced or ever will again.

* Have you personally appropriated this Cross my friend?

* What stands in your way from this humble, sacrificial mindset being manifested in you towards others?