

Free, Fearless, and Complete

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself.
(Philippians 2:5-8, NIV)*

We humans spend much of our time and energy trying to look as good as possible in the eyes of other people. Our appearance, the way we carry ourselves, the things we say, and the way we say them are often calculated to maximize our respect in the eyes of others...and perhaps to maximize our respect for ourselves.

When God came as a human being, He didn't puff Himself up. He humbled Himself. He intentionally made Himself far less than He was.

We humans are not so confident. We resist giving ourselves and our resources too completely. Our love is limited by fear. We fear vulnerability. We fear giving away too much and leaving ourselves with too little.

Almighty God has no such fear. He has no need. All that is flows from Him. He is complete and all-encompassing, all-sufficient in Himself. He is full and overflows with love. Giving is His nature, His delight.

When God came, He gave Himself without holding anything back. He willingly took upon Himself our lowliness, our weakness, and our poverty so that we could share His completeness. He made Himself like us in order that we might be like Him.

Because He came, we too can be thoroughly human, yet free, fearless, and complete by trusting our almighty, all-giving God. We can live and love as fully as He does.
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV)

*Father,
Your Son gave up everything to
come to us:
His comfort,
His status,
His glory, and
His life.
Help me to give what little I have to
that same cause:
the salvation of our race.*

Hymn: Startled by Your Lowliness

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