

Have the Attitude of Christ

Philippians 2:1-11

What is the key to loving unity among God's people?

Humility (Philippians 2:1-4).

What is the key to humility?

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 2:5, NASB)

He shared the divinity of God Himself.

He had lived an eternity of

face-to-face,

heart-to-heart oneness with the Father,

with all the perfect peace and joy that brought.

Yet He didn't cling to His exalted divinity.

He emptied Himself completely and

became a human being --

in fact, the lowest of human beings:

a slave with no freedom or agenda of His own,

an infant born to an unmarried peasant girl.

He was obedient all the way to death, and

and a brutal, unjust death at that.

He was executed as a common criminal by

the most painful,

the most humiliating method they could devise.

But *whoever humbles himself shall be exalted* (Matthew 23:12, NASB).

And God did exalt Him.

He lifted Him up

from the lowest place

to the highest place.

He gave Him the name,

the identity

that is above every identity.

Before Him, every knee will bow in all creation, and

every tongue will acknowledge that

Jesus Christ is Lord.

And what will be the result of all

this humbling and exalting,

this bowing and confessing?

God the Father will be glorified.

He will be lifted up, and

all His people will be bathed in the glow of His
goodness and
greatness and
all-engulfing presence.

What greater result could there possibly be?

So, do you want to glorify God?

Live the humility,

the trusting obedience,

the self-sacrificing love of

Jesus Christ.

Hymn: [Jesus, the Name Above All Names](#)

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