

INTRODUCTION

Our Christology – what we believe about who Christ is and what He accomplished – is an essential theological belief. According to Scripture, Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who came in the flesh to reveal God to mankind, fulfill the law, and redeem a lost world. Philippians 2 beautifully conveys how Christ humbled Himself and gave up the glory of heaven to come to earth. He is eternally God, while also the one man who lived a sinless life. The gospel is founded upon His death on the cross for sinners and on His resurrection on the third day.

Jesus Christ models perfect humility. Although He possessed all the glory, power, and authority of God, He willingly traded His heavenly strength for human frailty. He both spoke the world into being and spoke to the wind and waves, demonstrating that He is fully God and fully man. Throughout His life, Jesus fulfilled every aspect of the law of God, fixing what the first man had broken. Ultimately, Jesus modeled complete obedience to the Father's will by becoming the sacrifice for sin. By enduring the shame, suffering, and curse of the cross, Jesus accomplished redemption once for all. One day, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Understanding the person and work of Jesus Christ defines our faith and our practice. We have a responsibility to know what we believe and to live a life that reflects Christ's example. Therefore, we are called to pursue humility, offer forgiveness, love sacrificially, and obey joyfully. Rather than putting ourselves first, we are meant to serve others. It does not matter how we look and how we are perceived; what matters is our output and how we allow the Spirit to work through us. Consider the testimony of your life. What is your spiritual output?

GETTING STARTED

1. What character qualities does our culture value and celebrate? Are any of them Christlike qualities?
2. When you hear the word *humility*, what is the first thing that comes to mind?

LET'S GET PERSONAL

1. How does Jesus' obedience to the cross demonstrate both God's justice and God's love?
2. In what areas of your life do you find yourself clinging to pride instead of embracing humility?
3. How does remembering Christ's sacrifice for you help you respond to suffering, rejection, and pain?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. What is one practical way you can demonstrate Christlike humility this week?
2. Who is one person you need to forgive? Pray for God to give you a heart of forgiveness and ask Him for the words to say to this person to show His love.
3. ***Want to dig deeper?*** Take a look at the following passages: John 6:38, 40; John 8:56-59; John 17:1-5; Exodus 33:20; Genesis 1; Genesis 2:7; Exodus 7-12; Exodus 15:8; Psalm 139:13; Daniel 6:22; Hebrews 1:3, 8; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Colossians 2:9; Mark 4:41; Matthew 8:20, 27; Luke 8:25; Matthew 5:17; Romans 10:4; Galatians 4:4-5; Luke 24:44; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Matthew 26:39; Luke 22:42; Galatians 3:13; Deuteronomy 21:23; Psalm 110:1; Matthew 28:18; Acts 7:55; Job 38:11; Luke 2:7, 12; Isaiah 40:12; Psalm 145:16; John 19:23-24, 28, 34; Psalm 29:10; John 4:6-7; Matthew 27:29; Psalm 104:2; Hebrews 12:2; Exodus 16:4, 35; 1 Kings 18:38; Luke 22:44; Psalm 22:6; Isaiah 53:5; Mark 15:37; John 20:31.

RENEW YOUR MIND

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. – **Hebrews 12:2***