

Theme: As citizens of heaven, we look to Jesus, Who is the Supreme example of humility and the Lord of all.

I. Intro – Paradox of General Barrows

- A. Kind, soft spoken southern gentleman
- B. Highly decorated combat Marine – tough places!
- C. A great paradox – but there he was!
- D. Christ an even greater paradox – humble God??!!
- E. A very important passage – heart of the book

II. The Mind of Christ

- A. The mind of Christ (v5)
- B. This is the mind we are to have (vv2,5)
- C. Other lexical links – humility, empty, consider

III. Example of Christ – Humble Sacrifice

- A. Intro - vv6-8 – The example of Christ
 - 1. 2 sections – vv6-7, v8 – 2 clauses joined by ‘and’
 - 2. Each section has 4 basic parts - parallel
 - a. Introductory participle - Christ’s mode (God or man)
 - b. Main clause – action (poured out/humbled)
 - c. Final participle – how action – take form of slave/die

d. Final elaboration – human likeness, cross

B. As God He Emptied Himself (made nothing) – vv6-7

- 1. Fully God (v6) – form – essential nature
- 2. Not grasp/nothing – vv6-7 – rights of Deity
- 3. Took nature/form of slave (v7) – incarnation
- 4. Human likeness – (v7) – seemed just like us
- 5. God has become one of us!!!

C. As God-Man He Humbled Himself (v8)

- 1. Truly human – now discuss actions as man
- 2. As God-Man – humbled himself
- 3. Obedient to death – total humility & obedience
- 4. Even death on a cross – slaves death
- 5. Ultimate display of humility – God dies slaves death

IV. The Vindication of Christ: He Is Exalted

- A. God exalted Him to highest place (v9)
- B. The name above all – God’s own name (v9)
- C. Every knee and tongue – Is 45:23-24; LORD
- D. The extent – every, all places (vv10-11)

V. Applying the Word

Philippians 2:5-11
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Lord's Supper
Hebrews 13:20-21

A. Do we see the humility of Christ?

1. As God he did not consider equality, emptied
2. As man He humbled Himself, death, cross
3. He did all of this for us and our salvation
4. In our arrogance claimed to be god's – He became man to save

B. Do we see how God has vindicated Christ?

1. He now rules as Lord of all!
2. He stood before Pilate, now Pilate before Him
3. Every knee & tongue – whole universe

C. Do we follow the example of Christ?

1. Do we have the mind of Christ – or world?
2. Are we humble, forsaking our rights for others?
3. Do we see God will vindicate His followers?

D. The Lord's Supper – the Gospel

1. Christ humbled Himself for our salvation
2. In gratitude, we humble ourselves for others

- Humility
 - Philippians v3 – ‘in humility’
 - Jesus v8 – ‘He humbled Himself’
- Empty
 - Philippians v3 – ‘empty (vain) conceit’
 - Jesus v7 – ‘He emptied Himself (made Himself nothing’
- Consider
 - Philippians v3 – ‘consider other better’
 - Jesus v8 – ‘did not consider equality with God’

23 By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: **Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.** 24 They will say of me, 'In the **LORD** alone are righteousness and strength.'" All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.

Isaiah 45:23-24