

Christian Humility

Philippians 2:1-11; John 13:35

The root of fallen human nature is in wanting to have its own way. Christ has come and revealed the very character of God Himself: humility that is self-sacrificial in love. Christlike humility is the key to perfect community.

Philippi

- North Eastern Greece
- Military outpost for retired soldiers loyal to Rome
- Paul's second missionary journey recorded in Acts 16
- First city to be evangelized in Europe

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:1-11

By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:35

1. True Spirituality is Shown in Christian Community

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2. Community Requires Humility

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2: 3-4

3. Christ is Our Ultimate Humility

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Application

1. In view of Christ's example, how can you "look to the interest of others?"
2. Where in your life are you "grasping" for significance or security, rather than resting in Christ?