

“The Practical Ramifications of the Christmas Incarnation”
Philippians 2:1-11 12-26-2010

1 John 2:6; Romans 8:29 **WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR?**

POINT 1- The PRINCIPLE for seeking unity through humility. Vv. 1-4

- A. The principle is founded upon the right REASONS. V.1
- B. The principle is evidenced by the proper RESPONSE. V. 2
- C. The principle is fulfilled through selfless RELATIONSHIPS. Vv. 3-4

“Do you see a person who is wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for that person.” Proverbs 26:12

Going *God wants us to grow in selflessness and esteeming others!*
Deeper *(Romans 12:3, 10, 16) more highly, preference, wise opinion*

POINT 2- The PATTERN for seeking unity through humility. Vv. 5-8

What are the prerogatives of a selfish king, greedy, powerful, loving, righteous, SELFLESS king?

- A. The pattern of humility does not demand one’s RIGHTS. Vv. 5-7a
 - 1) Jesus’ inherent glory was veiled (John 17:5; Matt 17:1-9)
 - 2) Jesus’ independence submitted to the Father’s will (Luke 22:42)
 - 3) Jesus’ divine attributes submitted to the Father’s timing (John 2:4)
 - 4) Jesus’ eternal riches were exchanged for poverty (2 Cor 8:9)
 - 5) Jesus’ relationship with His Father was interrupted (Matt 27:46)

How would you be if you were God- BRUCE ALMIGHTY

- B. The pattern of humility doesn’t care about REPUTATION. Vv.7b-8a
There is no greater opposite in status than going from God to SLAVE and CRUCIFIXION
- C. The pattern of humility has no RESTRICTIONS. Vv. 8b-8d

“For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is chaos and every evil thing.” James 3:16

Going *God wants us to make our lifestyle imitating Jesus!*
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POINT 3- The PRODUCT for seeking unity through humility. Vv. 9-11

- A. The product (result) Jesus’ humility was the highest EXALTATION (Isaiah 53:

”For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 14:11

Going *God wants you persevere knowing that He will bring a resolution!*
Deeper