

The humility of Christmas

Philippians 2:1-8, p. 951

- I. RELATIONAL HARMONY COMES FROM PERSONAL HUMILITY (Philippians 2:1-4).
 - A. Good relationships bring joy to those around us (2:1-2).
 - When we have Christ, we can get along (1).
 - When we share priorities, we can live in unity (2).
 - B. Humility is the key to godly relationships (2:3-4).
 - Humility means not needing to get my way or impress others (3a).
 - Humility means caring more about what benefits you than me (3b-4).
- II. WE LEARN HUMILITY FROM JESUS WHO CAME AS A BABY (Philippians 2:5-8).
 - A. Our relationships change only as our attitude becomes like Jesus when He came to earth (2:5).
 - B. Jesus, who is God, humbled Himself by laying aside the privileges of deity (2:6-7; Luke 2:51-52; Hebrews 4:16).
 - C. Jesus humbled himself to the point of dying on the cross for our sins (2:8; John 10:14-18; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - To love like Christ is to humbly sacrifice for others (John 15:12-13).