

## **The Perfect Servant** **Philippians 2:5-8**

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

All that we spoke of last week can be had by following what Paul now tells the Philippians. Have the same mind as Jesus Christ.

Wouldn't that be wonderful. Never a regret. Never having to say we were sorry. Each day ending just as we had hoped.

Living a life of complete fulfilment.

But does this mean that we are to have the wisdom of Jesus? Oh yes we need and depend on the wisdom that God gives us.

Does this mean we are to be perfect as Jesus was. Well, we are to be holy even as He who has called us is holy, but that is not what Paul is talking about.

Do we need the power that Jesus had? We are empowered by God to do more that we ever could do on our own, but power is not it either.

As we will see, it is as simple as humility and obedience. Did I say simple? Oh how I wish that it was simple but it is not.

You and I can't be humble. We can't be meek. We are not made that way. We want to stand on our own two feet and have our little say. All of us are like that. Don't say you are not, because you really are. None of us wants to be offended. None of us wants to be ignored. McGee, J. V. (1997). Thru the Bible commentary (electronic ed.) (Php 2:5). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

We are to prefer one another (Rom. 12:10), edify one another (1 Thes. 5:11), and bear each other's burdens (Gal. 6:2). We should not judge one another (Rom. 14:13) but rather admonish one another (Rom. 15:14). Others is the key word in the vocabulary of the Christian who exercises the submissive mind. Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). The Bible exposition commentary (Php 2:5). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Ephesians 4:1-2 (NKJV) 1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

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- VI. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Isaiah 14:13-14 (NKJV) 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

John 8:42-44

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.

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