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Introduction

This is one of the greatest passages of Scripture. It paints the perfect picture of humility - the humility of Jesus Christ. It is also a theological account of the Christmas story, which expounds on John 1:14.

During Christmas what is always highlighted is the joy and peace that came to men with the coming of our Savior and Lord. What is sorely missed is the humiliation Christ went through when He came to earth to save men from their sins.

Not many sermons are preached on this because this passage begins with a call for us to imitate what Christ did in the incarnation. It comes after verses that call for the unity of the church in humble submission one to another —

Oh how different the world be, or even the church, if we all only exercised the kind of humility that Christ displayed that first Christmas when He came as a babe, which humility we are commanded to live out in our lives —

This passage enumerates the four stages of the humiliation and subsequent exaltation of Christ. In these four stages we find the real meaning of Christmas, and hopefully this will move us all to live differently in light of the incarnation.

1. He Is Truly God (Philippians 2:6)

2. He Became Fully Man (Philippians 2:6)

3. He Became a Lowly Slave (Philippians 2:6)

4. He Was Exalted a Glorious Lord (Philippians 2:6)

Conclusion

These four truths that we learned today should help us appreciate Christmas better this year. It should help us conduct ourselves more humbly towards others and each other towards true unity in the church. It should also help us appreciate more what Christ did for us in order to reconcile us to the Father. Because He is truly God, we should never doubt the effectiveness of what He did for us on the cross - when He died, He was able to satisfy the demands of God's justice, and therefore, we are completely and perfectly forgiven and saved!

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Because He became fully man, then we know that we are represented by the correct representative - one who can empathize with everything that we experience. It also encourages us that we can obey God even if we are human, because somebody who was human, was able to obey Him perfectly.

Because He became a lowly slave, if we are in Him, we will never need to fear hell. Our salvation is secure and sure. We will never be separated from our loving heavenly Father again, because He experienced all of that on the cross on our behalf.

Finally, because He was exalted to the right hand of the Father, we can be assured also that one day when he takes us home to be with Him, we too shall be in glory. This should comfort us now when this world is forcing us to be humiliated and brought down; when we have to give in to the demands of others and let others have their way. One day, they will all bow down to our Lord, and we shall be by His side worshipping Him as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords! ■

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The Shepherd's Voice

by Elder Rommel Yazon, Couples Ministry



Grace and peace to you. I am Elder Rommel Yazon, and I am the Ministry Lead Elder of the Couples Ministry in GCF. The new year 2022 promises to be an exciting and fruitful season of growth of the Couples Ministry.

The Couples Ministry contributes to GCF's objective of shepherding the flock, particularly the married couples, to grow in spiritual maturity. In that regard, we provide ministry opportunities that will help build discipleship-relationships among families and across generations.

The Couples Ministry intends to initiate opportunities for married couples to get engaged in a disciple-making relationship with other couples. We're excited to see various online events that will be conducted where couples will be equipped in disciple-making, in the context of marriage and family.

In early 2022, the Couples Ministry will sponsor the Biblical Portrait of Marriage webinars. We invite the married couples and the young adults to attend these webinars for them to discover the Biblical principles that build the Christian marriage relationship. Save the date: the first session of the Biblical Portrait of Marriage webinar will be on February 6, 2022.

We will also offer Disciplers Training Webinars where couples will be trained in disciple-making of other couples. Later in 2022, we will sponsor an online Couples Retreat. Historically, married couples saw their relationships renewed as they attended our Couples Retreat. Hurting marriages were healed. Even broken marriages were restored.

While we may have to continue conducting most of our ministry activities online, we are trusting the Lord to bring about more disciple-making relationships among our married couples and the young adults.

We can't wait to journey with you and may the Lord bless you! ■



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2 Corinthians 9:7

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