

Teaching Outline

Series: Advent 2018

Humility in a Manger

NIV Philippians 2:1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

Jesus _____ to live in this humiliating situation.

Pride is the *opposite* of humility.

2Cor 5:18-19 "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

Phil 1:27 "Live in such a way that you are a credit to the message of Christ."

Humility is giving up one's personal rights in exchange for the privilege of _____ others.

Our being born again also has a purpose, a *two-fold purpose*:

- ◆ **First: to _____ us to be fully devoted followers of Jesus, and**
- ◆ **Second: to be a _____ to others of the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit.**

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Living a _____ life is living a _____ life!

For reflection this week: Am I willing to be humble so that God can use me as a faithful servant?

Closing Song: *Humble King*, by Vineyard Worship