

Humility, the Glue of Unity
Philippians 2:1-11

Phil. 2:1-11 is believed to include a primitive Christian _____ repeated or _____ sung in the 1st churches. Vss. 5-8 are sometimes called the _____ Hymn. The text does more than praise Christ's deliberate, chosen stance of humility. It pleads with us to _____.

Paul wrote Philippians while in prison. Certain teachers and preachers sought to use Paul's incarceration to create _____ and _____ in the churches. So, Paul's plea for us to choose humility is first an appeal for _____ in the church. He knew that a church cannot effectively _____ the gospel without unity.

_____ is the glue that holds unity together. This text both defines it and illustrates what humility is. Humility is the opposite of _____ and _____. But humility isn't "having low self-esteem" or an "inferiority complex." It is deliberately _____ the importance of _____.

In fact, a negative self-image is actually the source of much _____ and _____. A person who tends to disrupt the unity of any organization is likely a person struggling with an underlying, often unconscious, _____.

The perfect illustration of humility is _____. He emptied Himself of that _____ and _____ of His divine nature, chose to live as a human and die on the cross. He did it because He _____ us so much. He could do it because He knew exactly _____ - God the Son-the One who would bear the name above every name...the name that would one day invoke the exclamation of praise from every living thing: Jesus Christ is _____.

Humility is attainable for us, but we must _____. You are someone for whom Jesus valued enough to _____ and _____ into His kingdom. You are a _____. Know that, and you will find yourself able to possess the humility that Jesus exemplifies and longs for in your life.