

The Humility of the Incarnation

2 Corinthians 8:9, Luke 2:1-7



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- Jesus took on humanity with all its limitations, pain, sorrow and suffering.
- Jesus relinquished all of the riches of heaven in order to become a human baby.
- Jesus was dependent upon the man and woman, whom He made, to now take care of Him.
- The sovereign Lord of creation had now become the very picture of weakness, a little baby.



Being Human

- Jesus became subject to the whole Old Testament Law.
- Jesus had to subject Himself to His parents; He had to obey and respect them, even when He knew they were wrong.
- Everyone Jesus came into contact with was His inferior, including His own parents, but He willingly yielded to their authority over Him.
- Just as Jesus humbled Himself by becoming a helpless human infant, He humbled Himself by dying on the cross for our sins.
- We are to follow Christ's example, and respond to one another in humility.



We Are To Be Humble

- Humility means that we should each think of ourselves as the Bible speaks of us.
- Humility means acknowledging that our gifts and abilities come from God and are given to us to serve one another.
- Humility means putting the needs of others ahead of our own.
- Humility means that we consider the needs and interests of others to be as important and urgent as ours.
- Humility is recognizing that, before God, we are all of equal worth.



Conclusion

- There's a difference between serving out of duty and obligation and serving out of love and humility.
- Humility means accepting God's love and forgiveness as a gift of grace.
- Once we truly understand God's grace, we are better able to freely give to one another and receive from one another.
- Knowing that everything we have is a gift from God is the ultimate lesson of Christ's birth.

