

# He Humbled Himself Becoming Obedient Unto Death

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, Existing in the Form of God, thought it not comprehensible to be Equal With God; but Emptied Himself, and having taken the Form of a Servant, being-Made in the Likeness of Men. And Being-Found in Appearance as a Man, He humbled Himself Becoming Obedient unto Death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-6-8)

**Humbled:** from the Greek word *etapeinosen* a verb which means: he-humbled, he-lowered; from *tapeinoo* which means: to make low, to humble. To bring into a humble condition, to reduce to lower circumstances, to stoop to the condition of a servant.

**Himself:** from the Greek word *heauton* which means: himself; the personal pronoun. In Context the direction of His action (humbling) is towards Himself.

**Became:** from the Greek word *genomenos* a verb which means: 'having-become, became. From *ginomai*: to come into being, to happen, to become. Properly, to emerge, become, transitioning from one point (realm, condition) to another.

**Obedient:** from the Greek word *hypekoos* an adjective which means: giving ear, obedient; listening to, submitting to. In Context, obedience to His Father's will.

**Unto:** from the Greek word *mechri* which means: to-the-point-of, as-far-as, until, unto; In Context: the determined measure and degree of purpose that Jesus pursued, so as not to avoid His death on the Cross. ("Obedient unto death!")

**Death:** from the Greek word *thanatou* a noun which means: death, physical or spiritual; In Context: the death of the physical body of Christ Jesus - through crucifixion on the Cross.

## Jesus Humbled Himself in the Following ways:

1. Jesus left His highly exalted position at the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven, and lowered Himself to the position of a helpless flesh and blood human baby, who was born to grow up and die for the salvation of mankind!

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto yourself Mary as your wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shalt call His name Jesus (which means 'God Saves'): for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:18-21)

2. Jesus Emptied Himself of His Devine attributes, and took upon Himself the same nature and attributes of humankind.

"Since then as the children (us!) are partakers of flesh and blood, He (Jesus) also Himself likewise took part of the same (He became a flesh & blood like us!); so that through (His) death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and to deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For truly He took not on Himself the nature of angels; but He took on Himself the seed of Abraham (a Man descended from a man named Abraham). Therefore, in all things He was obliged to be made into the likeness of His (human) brethren, so that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:14-18)

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3. Jesus, the King of kings, humbled Himself to the position and form of a bondsman destined to die on the Cross for our salvation, as it says:

“And whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; **even as the Son of Man came not to be served unto, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**” (Matthew 20:27-28)

“**Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him** (Jesus); **He (the Father)** has put Him (Jesus) **to grief**; when You (the Father) shall make His (Jesus) soul **an offering for sin**, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied. By His knowledge shall **My Righteous Servant** justify many; for He (Jesus) shall bear their (our) iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:10-11)

4. Jesus Humbled Himself in obedient submission to the Father's plan, and will, for His Son Jesus: that He, Jesus, should be stricken and glorified, as it says:

"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is **My Associate** (My close Companion), **says the LORD of Hosts; strike the Shepherd**, and the sheep shall be scattered." (Zechariah 13:7) (see also it's fulfillment in Matthew 26:31)

"And Jesus answered them, saying, 'The hour has come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Truly, truly, I say unto you, except a grain of wheat falls into the ground **and dies**, it abides alone; but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit. He who loves his life shall lose it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man will serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be; if any man serve Me, he will be honored by My Father. Now My soul is troubled; and what shall I say? **'Father, save me from this hour;'** **but for this cause I came unto this hour** (His hour of destiny: death on the Cross, and His resurrection back from the grave to a living Man again). Father, glorify Your Name. Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, **'I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.'**" (John 12:23-28)

5. Jesus humbled Himself by setting His eyes towards Jerusalem where the death of the Cross awaited Him:

“And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up (His return to heaven after His death and resurrection), that **He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,**” (Luke 9:51)

“The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto Him (Jesus), 'Get Yourself out, and depart from here; for Herod will kill You.' And He said unto them, 'Go you, and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.' ' Nevertheless I must (continue) walking today, and tomorrow, and the day following: **for it cannot be that a Prophet** (this time Jesus) **should perish outside of Jerusalem.'**” (Luke 13:31-33)

“Then He (Jesus) took unto Himself the twelve (apostles), and said unto them, 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that has been written by the prophets concerning the **Son of Man (Jesus)** shall be accomplished. For He shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully treated, and spitted on; and they shall scourge Him, and put Him to death, and the third day **He shall rise again!**” (Luke 18: 31-33)

"For **He (the Father) made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us**, who knew no sin; so **that we** might be made into the righteousness of God in Him (in Jesus)." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

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## 6. Jesus Humbled Himself to the will of the Father - even the death of the Cross!

"And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very distressed. Then He said unto them, **My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death**; tarry you here, and watch with Me. And He went a little further, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.' And He came to the disciples, and found them asleep, and said unto Peter, 'What, could you not watch with Me for one hour? Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Then He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, 'O My Father, **if this cup (the Cross) may not pass away from Me, except I drink it (i.e. die on the Cross), Your will be done.**' And He came and found them asleep again; for their eyes were heavy. And He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words." (Matthew 26:37-44)

"And when they had come to the place, which is called Calvary, **there they crucified Jesus**, ... Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' ... And at about the sixth hour, there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the Temple was torn in the midst. And then Jesus cried with a loud voice, and He said, 'Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit; and having thus spoken, **He gave up His spirit (He breathed His last breath and died)**. (see Luke 23:33-46)

Indeed, it happened just as Jesus Himself said: "For He (speaking of Himself) shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully treated, and spitted on; and they shall scourge Him, and put Him to death, and the third day He shall rise again!" (Luke 18: 31-33)  
Consider also the following:

"For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit;  
(see 1 Peter 3:18-22)

"God, who at various times and in different manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us **through His Son**, whom He has appointed **Heir of All Things, through whom also He made the worlds;** and who being **the Brightness of His (the Fathers) Glory, and the Exact Image of His Person,** and upholding all things by the Word of His Power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, **He sat down at the Right-hand of the Majesty on High.**" (Hebrews 1:1-5)

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**He Emptied Himself of His Divine attributes and set His eyes towards the Cross!  
He was obligated to take upon Himself the physical and mental attributes of mankind!  
He was predestined by the will of His Beloved Father to take upon Himself the sin of Men!**

**Jesus did this to purge our sins!  
Jesus did this to Save us from the penalty of our sins!  
Jesus did this by bearing our sins upon Himself while on the Cross!**

**Lord Jesus, you gave up Your Life on the Cross for me, and for all humans !!  
I look forward to spending eternity with You in Your Kingdom !!  
Forever and ever I say to You – Thank You my Lord and my King !!**