

**“What the Cross Teaches Us About Attitude, Part II”
Philippians 2:1-11**

“When terrorists attacked the symbols of our national unity and strength, they failed to realize that they were just symbols of our strength. The real strength of our nation comes from our people – not our buildings.” (Michael Enzi, Senator from the state of Wyoming)

Ephesians 4:3

In the original language, this word translated “make every effort” literally means “to hurry something on.” It conveys a sense of urgency and speed. Take this seriously; do it now!

“Alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences” (Ephesians 4:3, The Message)

Unity is the by-product of every member having the attitude of Jesus Christ as He went to the cross!

Philippians 2:5-11

“make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:2-4, NASB).

Philippians 2:5

“Attitude” is from the Greek word “Phroneō.” It communicates “think this way,” “have this frame of mind.” This activity involves our will.

Three ways God is calling us to mimic the attitude of Christ:

1. The attitude of Christ was “others first.”

Philippians 2:6

2. The attitude of Christ was “serving others is the goal of life.”

Mark 10:44-45

Philippians 2:7

This phrase “made himself nothing” is from the Greek word ‘Kenoō.’ It means ‘to empty.’ He emptied himself of what? Not of His deity, but His divine rights, privileges and prerogatives.

The most scholarly and respected Greek Lexicon, Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich (B.A.G.), describes the use of this word “of Christ, who gave up the appearance of His divinity and took on the form of a slave” (p. 428).

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As a servant, Jesus showed perfect submission to the Father to do His will as the God-Man.

3. The attitude of Christ was, “there is no limit to the measures of my sacrifice for you.”

Philippians 2:8

John 15:13

Two brief Power Points:

- 1. Jesus proves that the Father rewards service, humility and obedience.**
- 2. In the church, the hallmark of our lives should be giving rather than getting.**