



"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" - Proverbs 1:7

Worship Times

Sunday School
9:00 AM

Worship Service
10:10 AM

Humility: The Subtle Touch of a Christ Like Heart

Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The pickup neighborhood baseball in the back field behind the homes started like all pick-up games do. Spontaneous, innocent and everyone ready to have fun out in the sun. 12 kids divided into two teams, shirts and skins all gathered on the field. Everyone was excited, but before long the arguments began. Who would pitch? Who would bat first? Who deserved to play shortstop? Each child had their own opinion, and each wanted to be the star. One of the dads who was playing ball with the boys tried to calm the tension, but the boys simply couldn't get along. Instead of baseball, what you heard was bickering.

Then something shifted. One boy, who desperately wanted to pitch, raised his hand and said, "Coach, I'll play right field. Let someone else pitch." His willingness to step aside set off a chain reaction. Suddenly, other players followed suit. Positions were filled, the smiles and enthusiasm returned, and the game began. That small moment is a picture of a much larger truth: unity is impossible without humility. Whether it's a ball game at the neighborhood ballpark, in a workplace, at home, or in a church, whenever pride drives the conversation, disunity follows. And that's precisely the lesson Paul wrote about in Philippians 2.



In that passage, Paul places what has come to be known as the Christ Hymn at the very center of his words. Scholars note that the structure of the chapter is chiasmic—a mirrored form that places the most important truth at the center. And what do we find there? We find verse 8 where it says, “He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” Everything before that verse looks back at Christ lowering Himself, taking the form of a servant, entering our world in humility. Everything after looks forward to His exaltation. God giving Him the name above every name, before whom every knee will bow. The cross becomes the hinge point of history, the turning point of the story.

Paul doesn’t place this hymn here as a bit of lofty theology to admire from a distance. He places it here because it has everything to do with how we live. Evidently the church in Philippi is squabbling over trivial things and tensions are surfacing. The church isn’t in danger of serious hurt yet, but Paul senses that he needs to address the issue. So just before the hymn, he urges his readers to put aside selfish ambition, to value others above themselves, to act in humility. Then just after the hymn, he tells them to work out their salvation by living obediently, to avoid grumbling and arguing, and to shine like stars in a dark sky. The point could not be clearer: the humility of Christ is not just something to marvel at—it is something to imitate.

We know this in theory, but life has a way of testing it. Think of a family dinner table. If everyone reaches for the biggest portion or insists on being served first, the meal quickly loses its joy. But when people begin to serve one another first—passing the bread, pouring the drink, saving the last piece for someone else—the table becomes a place of joy, generosity, and laughter. Unity is born out of humility. And what is true around the table is true everywhere else. In our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, and certainly in our churches, pride divides but humility heals.

Paul’s words are as relevant now as they were for the Philippians. Disunity shows up in countless places in our lives. It shows up when coworkers jockey for recognition. It shows up when spouses argue not to be understood but to win. It shows up when neighbors compete over whose yard looks best. Underneath it all is the same root: pride. But Paul points us back to Christ, who set aside His glory, who became a servant, who humbled Himself even to the point of death. If unity is to exist in any community—whether in a family, a team, or a congregation—it will come only when people choose to walk the same road of humility.

And there’s a bigger picture here too. In John 17, Jesus prayed that His followers “may be one... so that the world may believe.” Unity is not optional—it’s part of the mission. The world comes to believe in the love of God, when it sees that love lived out in the humility of His people. John 3:16 reminds us that God so loved the world that He gave His Son. Philippians 2 reminds us that this Son stooped low, took on the form of a servant, and walked the road to the cross. That is the pattern. That is the call.

The lesson Paul gives us is simple, but it is not easy. If a group of children can set aside their pride on a baseball field and find joy in playing together, then surely those of us who follow Christ can do the same. We can choose humility over ambition and having things our way, service over selfishness, obedience over pride. And when we do, we shine like stars in a world that desperately needs to see the light of Christ. Amen.

Pastor Cody



CHURCH HISTORY

75 years ago:

1. Springville Congregation assembled in regular council September 26th, 1950 at 7:00 pm. at the Cocalico House with Elder John L. Myer presiding. The service was opened by singing hymn No. 28. The opening devotions were led by Elder Noah Martin reading Responsive Reading No. 67 followed by prayer.
2. Would the church desire to have a church calendar as in former years. The church decided to have one.
3. The church decided to have a weekly bulletin. The following committee was appointed: Harry Gibbel, Ralph Heisey, Esther Shaub, Ruth Douple and Richard Heisey. On motion, the committee was ratified by the church.
4. Brother John Myer's term as Elder-in-Charge expiring, Elders George Wolf and Noah Martin took charge of the election. The church voted to make the term 3 years as formerly. Result of election was re-electing Brother Myer.
5. Cradle Roll Report accepted as read: On the roll September 20, 1949 – 36, added during the year – 5, taken off the roll 4 years old – 12, total on the roll September 26, 1950 – 29
6. A request to have an organized Women's Work in our church. On motion the request was granted.
7. A request for a speaker system in the Mohler House. Brother Reuben Hummer was authorized to obtain prices on installing same. The church to decide on the matter at a later date.
8. A suggestion that there be a specific fee for the use of the basement facilities at the Mohler House. On motion the church decided to accept donations.
9. Shall we place an order for the New Brethren Hymnal? The church decided to procure a number of samples.
10. What can be done to increase our giving to the Church Building Fund? Possibly the reminder will be sufficient.

100 Years ago:

1. Springville Congregation met for council in the Mohler House this 3rd day of October, 1925 at 7:00 pm with Elder I.W. Taylor presiding, who opened the meeting in regular order.
2. Report of the committee empowered to by the Buch lot at Lincoln with the intent to build a church at some future time. Committee reported having bought the same at the price of \$1,800.00.
3. Article 3 of August 3rd, 1925 has been reconsidered by the church and decided that the lower shed shall be removed and the upper ones repaired.
4. Levi Andes requesting to be reclaimed as a member of the church and promising to comply with Article 5 of August 1st, 1915 for which cause he was disowned was received back into fellowship and a certificate granted.
5. An election was held to advance J. Bitzer Johns to the full ministry (or Eldership) to which he was elected. This was then followed by ordination services conducted by Elder Jacob Longenecker.



Autumn is a time for change, letting go, and harvesting—symbolized by falling leaves and ripe fruits—but also for reflection, renewal, and seasonal enjoyment like social gatherings, holiday celebrations, and cozy indoor activities. It's a period of transition, both in nature and within ourselves, as we process the year's experiences and prepare for the rest of winter.

Letting go:

Just as trees shed their leaves, autumn is a time to release old patterns, burdens, and things that hinder personal growth.

Reflection and re-evaluation:

The falling leaves are a reminder to look back on the year, reflect on experiences, and gain clarity for the future.

Harvesting results:

The season offers a chance to appreciate the outcomes of your work and efforts, acknowledging both productivity and completion.

Social connection:

Cooler weather invites people for cozy activities, hosting dinner parties, hayrides, corn maze, campfires all fostering community.

Gratitude and generosity:

Autumn can be a time to give thanks for blessings and to share with others, particularly those in need.

Transition and new beginnings:

As autumn marks the end of summer's growth, it also serves as a potent time for personal transformation and preparing for the stillness of winter.

Psalm 65:9-11 (NIV): "You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance".



2025



2026

FIRST DAY, BEST DAY!
READY TO MAKE THIS YEAR AMAZING



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

A brand new year,
a brand new start,
With hope and courage
in your heart.
Each step you take,
each goal you try,
Will lift you up and
help you fly.

So learn with joy,
be brave, be true,
God's light will
always shine on you.



Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday of September, is a US holiday honoring the American labor movement and the social and economic achievements of workers. Its origins trace back to the late 19th century, during the height of the Industrial Revolution, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize workers' contributions. The first Labor Day parade was held in New York City on September 5, 1882, organized by the Central Labor Union. It became a federal holiday in 1894, with [President Grover Cleveland](#) signing the bill into law following the [Pullman Strike](#), which resulted in deaths of workers during a labor dispute.

First Labor Day Parade



MONDAY



September 8