

1 Peter Series

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**WILL WE *EVER* UNDERSTAND
HUMILITY???**

**1 PETER 2:21–25;
PHILIPPIANS 2:5–10**

A photograph of a church steeple silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky is filled with horizontal streaks of orange and yellow light, suggesting a bright sun low on the horizon. The church building is dark, with the steeple being the most prominent feature. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

1ST PETER

**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

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1 Pet. 2:24, “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”

**ἀναφέρω *anapherō* aor act indic 3 sing
to bring up, back raise up, bear, pay, add
to, offer up**

Num. 12:3, “(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)”

**עָנָו *anaw* masc
sing abs
humble, meek**

**πραῦς *praus*
nom masc sing
gentle, meek,
kind Septuagint
(LXX)**

Matt. 11:28, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:29, “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

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**ταπεινός
tapeinos
Adjective nom
masc sing
humble, low**

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Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Phil. 2:1, “Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

Phil. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

Phil. 2:3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Phil. 2:4, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

ταπεινοφροσύνη

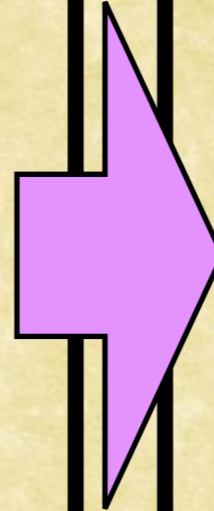
tapeinophrosunē

acc fem sing

humility

In Christ

1. Encouragement in Christ,
2. Comfort from love,
3. Fellowship in the Spirit,
4. *True* affection and mercy.



Then ...

1. Make my joy complete,
2. Have the same mind
3. Have the same love
4. Be united in spirit
5. Have one purpose.

Have the same attitude or thinking which was also in Christ.

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Phil. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Phil. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Phil. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant [*doulos*–slave], and coming in the likeness of men.

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**frone,w, *phroneo*,
present active imperative 2P
“to think, reason, mental attitude”**

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Much of the debate centers on the first line, “although he existed in the form of God,” particularly the force of the word “form” (*morphē*). If we stress the classical usage of this term, the technical sense of Aristotelian philosophy suggests itself: *morphē*, although not equivalent to *ousia* (being, essence), speaks of essential or characteristic attributes and thus is to be distinguished from *schēma* (the changeable, external “fashion”). Moises Silva, *BECNT Philippians 2:6*

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In a valuable excursus on *morphē* and *schēma*, [J B] Lightfoot (1868: 127–33) argued along these lines and remarked that even in popular usage these respective meanings could be ascertained (cf. [R C] Trench 1880: 261–67). Moises Silva, *BECNT* Philippians 2:6

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Though *morphe* [form] is not the same as *phusis* [nature] or *ousia* [essence], yet the possession of the *morphe* [form] involves participation in the *ousia* [essence] also: for *morphe* [form] implies not the external accidents, but the essential attributes. Similar to this, though not so decisive, are the expressions used elsewhere of the divinity of the Son, εἰκὼν τοῦ Θεοῦ 2 Cor. 4:4, Col. 1:15, and χαρακτήρ τῆς ὑποστάσεως τοῦ Θεοῦ Heb. 1:3.

2 Cor. 4:4 , “... the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

Col. 1:15, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”

Heb. 1:3, “who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, ...”

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**h`ge,omai, *hegeomai*, aorist middle indicative deponent 3S
“to engage in an intellectual process, think, consider, regard.”**

WHO (Lord Jesus Christ) although He eternally existed with identical essence to God [mode of existence], *yet* He did NOT think

***Is this thinking, this mental attitude,
part of His Deity . . . or
His humanity?***

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“to be equal to God” with this form of the word “equal” [*isa* rather than *ison*] refers to attributes not person.

~Lightfoot

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**a`rpagmo,j, *harpagmos*,
accusative masculine singular
1. a violent seizure of property,
robbery
2. equivalent to *harpagma*, someth.
to which one can claim or assert a
title by gripping or grasping**

WHO (Lord Jesus Christ) although He eternally existed with identical essence to God, *yet* HE did NOT think EQUALITY WITH GOD A CLAIM TO BE ASSERTED.

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reflexive pronoun
accusative
masculine 3S

keno,w, *kenoo*,
aorist active
indicative 3S
1. to make empty, to
empty
Used as an idiom
here: to divest
Himself of the
prerogatives of deity
(Lightfoot)

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lamba,nw, *lambano*;

anarthrous

aorist active participle thus

an adverbial ptcp. of means.

“By MEANS of taking ...”

**HE EMPTIED HIMSELF BY RECEIVING
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**Which means he is ADDING not
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**gi,nomai, *ginomai*,
aorist middle participle;
“To come into being, to
come into existence.”
“ . . . And by means of
coming into existence”**

HE EMPTIED HIMSELF

**BY MEANS OF TAKING THE FORM
(NATURE) OF A SERVANT**

AND

**BY MEANS OF COMING INTO EXISTENCE
IN THE PHYSICAL FORM OF A MAN.**

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