

To be humble is a gracious gift that leads to salvation and service.

Humility is the attitude with which men and women turn to God in faith for eternal salvation. In this way Christ will increase, and we will decrease!

And also no man or woman can truly be a Christian helper to others or the work of the Church, until we come to a place where we humble ourselves before those whom we ought to help. We must put the interest of fellow Christians first, before our own. And then the glorious paradox of Christianity becomes evident, namely that: *When we die to self, we live; when we give up our lives, we find them; when we abandon our pursuit of impure pleasure, we become totally fulfilled. And so humility results in a path of wonderful blessings.*

Those who have chosen not to humbly submit to God, must know that while God presently allows men and women to rebel against him, soon he will subject all creation, when Jesus comes again. The choice is ours, we can submit now or be subjected by force later. Either way, we will bow the knee to him who is above all and over all. The difference is that Christians now humbly submit to God with great joy in their hearts, while unbelievers will be painfully forced to do so on the Judgement Day, as they enter their doom:

Philippians 2: 9 - 11: *Therefore also God highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

The prerequisite for humble submission to God, which leads to humble service of those given to us by God to serve, is the word "surrender". When we are saved by grace through faith, we submit to God, to the authority of his Word, and to Christ as his means of salvation. This means that we surrender to God!

Once we have truly surrendered to God, the natural fruit of this surrender will be humble service; to give up our lives for Christ's work and receive fulfilment in God's will and not in our pursuit of selfish ambition or worldly pleasure! Once we surrender, humility will be the natural outcome of the work of the Holy Spirit within us. It is the fruit of our walk with Christ.

We can choose to serve God and to serve one another, in love!

Gal 5: 13 - 15:

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

May we, by God's grace, practice true humility, serving from the heart, to his glory.