

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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The Christmas Story from Paul's Perspective

Philippians 2:5-11

The fourth step that Jesus took in going from riches to rags was He became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The word "humble" (TAPEINOO) means to "make low."

Christ dying on the cross was the ultimate expression of humility because He could not make Himself any lower.

Christ dying on the cross was the most costly act of obedience in the history of the world. There has never been nor ever will be an act of obedience so costly (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Crucifixion was developed by the Persians and perfected by the Romans and from a physical standpoint was the most cruel and painful death ever devised by man.

Christ's physical suffering on the cross pales in comparison to what He suffered on a spiritual level (Mark 15:33-34).

Christ, in a sense during His crucifixion, experienced in His humanness what we would define as spiritual death, which is the separation of the human spirit from God.

Christ, during His crucifixion, willingly took upon Himself our sin and suffered the judgment that was rightfully ours (Isaiah 53:5-6).

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The benefit of Christ paying our debt will be applied to our account when we want to be set free from our sin and are willing to trust in Christ alone for our salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).