

The Image of Sanctification: Part 1

Philippians 2:3

Big Idea: The process of sanctification is to Identify the Spirit of Christ in us, Embrace it as who we truly are, and allowing it to govern all our thoughts and actions. This is seen as the life of Christ is demonstrated in our lives as we bear His image.

Two aspects to the image of Christ imprinted on our souls;

1. The _____ Aspect of Our Life in Christ.

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Selfish-Ambition:

Conceit:

At the heart of every sin is self-assertion, and self-advancement because we convince ourselves we deserve something we do not.

Psalm 19:1 (ESV) — 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Psalm 50:6 (ESV) — 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!
Selah

God and God alone is sovereign of the universe because God and God alone has the _____ of character and _____ ability to hold such a position.

“[Humility is] simply the sense [internal disposition] of entire nothingness that comes when we see how truly God is everything. When the creature realizes that this is a place of honor, and consents to be – with his will, his mind, and his affections – the vessel in which the life and glory of God are to work and manifest themselves, he sees that humility is simply acknowledging the truth of his position as creature and yielding to God His place. [Humility is] the first and chief mark of the relationship of the creature to God, of the Son to the Father – it is the secret of blessedness, **the desire to be nothing, that allows God to be all in all.**” Andrew Murray

Humility helps us see that we are more _____ our brothers and sisters than not _____ them.

1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV) — 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

The antidote to our delusions of self-importance is to humbly embrace our enduring need for Christ in all things. It is to see ourselves as nothing, so that Christ can be everything.

Questions to Consider

1. What does the Spirit of Christ look like in us as we put off the flesh?
2. In what ways do you get frustrated with others in your life? How should this heighten the way we see yourself and your need of God’s grace?
3. Do you assess yourself rightly? Or does the flesh convince you of your self-importance? How do you counter this spirit in you?
4. What does it look like to set aside your own importance and embrace the importance of others?