



The Humility of God

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Luke 2:1 Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.

² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³ And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city.

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

⁵ in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

⁶ And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

⁷ And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹² “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”

¹⁵ And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

¹⁷ And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰ And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Philippians 2:1 If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

¹⁵ that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may have cause to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.