

## HOW JESUS PLEASSED HIS FATHER

Philippians 2:3-9

### Jesus sought to please His Father

"I always do the things that are pleasing to Him" (John 8:29)

Recognized by the Father,  
"This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!" (Matthew 17:5; 3:17)

*"God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name..."*  
(Philippians 2:9-11)

### How Did Jesus Please His Father?

#1 - Attitude -  
*"Have this attitude in you" -*  
Verse 5

Pleasing God begins with...

- Our Heart
- Our Thinking
- Our Mindset

Jesus –  
His “food” was to “do the will” of His Father. John 4:34  
He came not to be served but to serve – Matthew 20:28

## #2 – Sacrifice

Jesus “emptied Himself”  
Verses 6-7

What Jesus sacrificed

- His glory – John 17:5
- His life – John 10:14-18
- His honor – Hebrews 12:2; 13:12-13

What is sacrifice?

- It’s not “lent.”
- It’s laying aside our will.  
Matthew 16:24-27
  - Deny Self
  - Take up our cross
  - Follow Jesus
- There’s a cost.

## #3 – Humility

Jesus “humbled Himself”  
Verse 8

## Humility

- Jesus humbled Himself.
- Our need for humility towards:
  - God – 1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10
  - His word – James 1:21; Isaiah 66:2
  - Others – 1 Peter 5:5; Ephesians 4:2

#### #4 – Obedience

Jesus became obedient -  
Verse 8

#### Obedient

- Jesus learned obedience.  
Hebrews 5:8
- Attitude, sacrifices, humility are incomplete without it.
- Need to become “doers.”  
James 1:21-25

#### #5 – Commitment

To the point of death -  
Verse 8

#### Commitment

- What kind of decision did we make to follow Christ? Jeremiah 42:5-6
- Our commitment will be challenged, repeatedly.  
Revelation 12:10
- Need for endurance. Hebrews 10:34-35; Revelation 2:10

We thank God that Jesus lived His life not seeking to please Himself.  
Romans 15:3

Will you seek to please God?  
2 Corinthians 5:9-11; 17-21 – “we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”