

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Hebrews 2:10 “For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, *to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings*”

Quote: To be like Christ, we must pray for humility.

Nothing can prepare us to cope with the challenges of life better than the example of Christ. “He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”¹ The Greek word for *captain* means “author, pioneer or leader who blazed a trail for others to follow. The captain never stood at the rear giving orders. He was always out front, leading and setting the example. Christ gave to us the pattern of perfect obedience.”²

Paul admonished Christians, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery [or something to be held onto] to be equal with God, but made Himself of *no reputation*, taking the form of a *bondservant*, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.**”³

For us to begin to appreciate the magnitude of Christ’s submissive obedience to the Father’s will, we must consider what He laid aside to become the humble Man of Sorrows.⁴ In John 10, Jesus said, “I and My Father are *one*.” The fact that He left behind the shared glory of God the Father defies human understanding; it should evoke from us the gratitude and determination to demonstrate our love through obedience.⁵

Great God, unsearchable, unknown, supreme beyond compare, in rev’rent adoration, Lord, our feeble praise we share. Thy glory is that *Excellence* unique to Thee alone—spectacular in majesty, vast universe Thy throne!

For hungry souls, Thy written Word grants a faint glimpse of Thee. Though dim, the image awes the mind, and bows both heart and knee. Thy grandeur, matchless King of kings and regal Lord of lords, leads saints to meditate on Thee and silently adore.

What dazzling light, like dreadful flames, engulfs Thy sapphire throne that rests upon a sea of glass like dazzling crystal stone! Bright amber glow, Thy glory draws the heart to holy thoughts; its splendor shames the rainbow’s boast and pales heav’n’s hosts to naught.

Thy whisper mutes the thunder crash of lightning round Thy throne— Jehovah, High and Lofty One, Who calls all things Thine own. Pure worship of the Heav’nly throng envelops me in praise, o’erwhelming me with joy that sets my grateful heart ablaze.

None but Thyself can fully know The glory that is Thine. All tribute saints may offer Thee falls short by Thy design save fearing Thee and loving Thee and walking in Thy ways. Save serving Thee with grateful heart beyond my earth-bound days.⁶

By God’s grace and for His glory, we must humbly be whoever, endure whatever, go wherever and do whatever He demands whenever He demands it. We can rest assured that He is preparing us to take up our cross and follow Him as we trust and obey. Peter reminded the persecuted Christians of his day, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.” “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that **when His glory is revealed**, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. *If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you....*”⁷ May we embrace the opportunities that lie ahead to take up our cross, to suffer reproach and to exalt the Lord of Glory in humble awe and adoration.

1 Heb.5:8-9 2 MacArthur 3 Phil 2:5-13 4 John 1:1-2; 10:30; 14:9; Col 1:15; Heb 1:3 5 John 17:5 6 Ex.24:10; Ezek.1:26-28; Rev.4 7 | Peter 2:21-25; 4:12-14