

# Attitude of Christians

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# The Attitude of Jesus

A. Jesus showed humility to all men.

B. Jesus had compassion and displayed love to all men.

C. Jesus did things for the benefit of others.

# The Attitude of Jesus

Jesus maintained a perfect attitude in every situation.

He prayed about everything and was concerned for the welfare of others.

Christians are to work hard and pray to keep their attitude from becoming defensive or discouraged.

Even in the midst of ridicule, abuse and hostility, Jesus made no threats against those who crucified Him.

Jesus entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.

# The Attitude of Jesus

## 1 Peter 2: 21-23

**21** For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

**22** who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

**23** and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

# The Attitude of Jesus toward the church

Jesus manifested the following attitude toward the church:

1. He was willing to die for the church.
2. He reflected the manifold wisdom of God.
3. Jesus lowered Himself from Heaven for the benefit of humanity and to glorify the Father.

# 1. Jesus was willing to die for the church

**Eph. 5: 23-27**

**23** For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

**24** But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives, *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

**25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

**26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

**27** that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

## 2. He reflected the manifold wisdom of God.

Eph. 3: 8-12

8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,

9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

12 in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.



3. Jesus lowered Himself from Heaven for the benefit of humanity and to glorify the Father.

We have a Savior who came as an example of how we are to think, react and behave in this world.

Christians are to have this kind of disposition.

Jesus willingly lowered Himself for the good of others and to glorify God.

Jesus as the light of the world chose to humbly adjust Himself to interact with us (sinful, hateful humanity) in order to provide Eternal Life.

# The Shed Blood of Jesus fulfilled The Father's Plan

**Eph. 2: 14-16**

**14** For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into one* and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

**15** by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is the Law of commandments contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,

**16** and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

# Jesus' Shed Blood provides:

## 1. Remission of sins

**Matt. 26: 27-28**

**27** And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

**28** for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

**1 John 4: 10**

**10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

# Jesus' Shed Blood:

## 2. Abolished The Old Law

### Col. 2: 13-14

**13** When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

**14** having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

# Jesus' Shed Blood:

## 3. Purchased the church.

### Acts 20: 28

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

### Col. 1: 18-22

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

19 For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, / say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds,

22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

# The Attitude of Christians

- A. Have the frame of mind of Jesus.
- B. Have the same heart of Jesus.
- C. Have a Christ-like attitude when we interface with others.

# The Attitude of Christians

Phil. 2: 5-8

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

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1. Holiness starts with your heart.
2. A Christian is an encourager in Christ, a comforter who enjoys the fellowship of spirit and has a tender heart while showing compassion and humility for others.

**Phil. 2: 14**

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;



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## 3. The Christian's relationship to God.

### Phil. 2: 12-13

**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.**

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## 4. The Christian's relationship with other Christians.

### Phil. 2: 1-4

1 Therefore if 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 regard one another as more important than yourselves;

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

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## 5. The Christian's mission is to be lights in the world.

**Phil. 2: 15**

**15** so that you will 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,

We align ourselves with the attitude of Jesus while obeying His commandments. We are here to help people grow closer to God and get to Heaven, not push them away!

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**6. Christians are to hold fast the word of life in order to glorify Jesus when He returns.**

**Phil 2: 16**

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

**If Christians are to be Christ-like but do not show love and compassion for others and their needs, they will answer in the day of judgment.**

**1 Cor. 5: 10**

**10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.