

## The beauty of Christian 基督徒 Humility – 1Peter 5. Text V5b-7

1. Direct minds text God's Word question. ? Besides faith JC (Jesus Christ 耶稣基督) what one thing impact who are, what do such way glorify God be most useful life Xian. Thinking virtue humility (谦卑的美德). Humility essential characteristic those have been saved; it result victories life-long war pride; it grace earned exemplified JC, applied HS (the Holy Spirit 圣灵), it duty which every believer JC pursue all might. Since Bible lot say humility, understatement say Calvin thought important. Quote institutes "I was always exceedingly delighted with that saying of Chrysostom (基督教神学院), "The foundation of our philosophy is humility"; and yet more pleased with that of Augustine: "As the orator (演说家), when asked, What is the first precept (规则) in eloquence? answered, Delivery (讲演): What is the second? Delivery: What is the third? Delivery: so if you ask me concerning the precepts of the Christian religion, I will answer, first, second, and third, Humility." Response say humility not only Xian virtue, but certainly say central one like seasoning food (调味品) must pervade (渗透到) whole lives believers; if doesn't, or no desire struggle against pride for humility right question salvation. Going spend time 1 Pet. 5:5-7, may refer several texts shed light (清楚说明了) passage. Text begins partway through verse. Peter given instructions elders, rulers leaders God appointed over church, lead love, tend flock God, younger subject elder, not only age, context suggests church members submit those God put authority, so submit God's authority. Then come text. "5 "Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (5 因为神阻挡骄傲的人, 赐恩给谦卑的人。6 所以你们要自卑, 服在神大能的手下, 到了时候他必较你们升高。7 你要将一切的忧虑卸给神, 因为他顾念你们。)

2. ? If asked describe kinds statements text, what say? How relate other? Skim see commands reasons for commands. Help seek understand meanings connections.

3. Depending what version Bible using might not have words "be submissive" text, that case reflection Greek manuscripts used translation. Men care deeply Word God, didn't add if not written ancient sources used; possible added scribe help understanding sentence. ESV translates "clothe yourselves, all of you with humility, one towards another." Say passing, idea submitting one another scriptural. Eph 5:21, not specifically mentioned 1 Pet 5:5.

4. Come now first command, "clothe yourselves, all of you with humility one toward another." Greek allows clothe yourselves or be clothed. Special idea, not putting clothes, but tying on apron smock slave (系上奴仆的袍子). Everywhere slave goes, apron goes, everywhere Xian goes carries grace humility. Peter describing Secret harmonious healthy, happy local church. Each person focusing good others. Each focused "How serve? What give? How use gifts glory God good brothers and sisters Lord?" Not asking "What's in it for me? What can I get? How can I benefit expense others?" Hope see asking first questions focusing giving, serving going flow attitude mutual humility. Since church place Word God preached, being taught Word God various classes activities, believe place unbelievers hear gospel be saved HS, where believers directed Christ growth grace, equipped service. Important happening, but view what read text, way interact, relate nearest thing heaven earth if all us clothe ourselves with humility one toward another. Ask not what your church can do for you, ask what you can do for your church for the glory of God and the good of its members. If all subject Word God, pulling that direction; not case one pushing another pulling big mess. Instead harmony, peace, orderliness, love, unity of purpose. Explanation conclusion first point humility toward each other, read Phil. 2:3-8. "3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (3 凡事不可结党, 不可贪图虚浮的荣耀; 只要存心谦卑, 各人看别人比自己强。4 各人不要单顾自己的事, 也要顾别人的事。) What wonderful church be part, what beautiful humility love being demonstrated when follow commands! These graces pray, pursue.

5. Move reason, purpose obey command being humble toward another; "for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Warning promise words. First part verse Peter calls submit elders, those authority, those older. Submit means

line up according military rank (军衔, 军阶) those lesser rank below behind those superior. End v. 5 word opposite meaning word resist or oppose. Describes armies lining up opposite each other; army opposing enemy. ? Who's one opposes proud? God Himself; impossible imagine something more frightening. If proud person God enemy hates who are, what do; be proud person coddling pride, excusing pride be war God. Pr 8:13 The fear of the LORD [is] to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. (箴言 8: 13 敬畏耶和华, 在乎恨恶邪恶。那骄傲、狂妄并恶道, 以及乖谬的口, 都为我所恨恶。) Pr 16:5 Everyone proud in heart [is] an abomination to the LORD; [Though they join] forces, none will go unpunished." (箴言 16: 5 凡心里骄傲的, 为耶和华所憎恶, 虽然连手, 他必不免受罚。) We live day sin Sodom promoted land city; woe people speak against. Know such sin abomination God; care what says Word. Yet Word also says proud, those speak lies abomination. Hear fear Christless ones; everyone proud commits kind sin God hates. When God one resists, sets Himself against you battle; don't stand chance. No hope ultimate success proud fight against God losing proposition (必定失败); only way survive thrive God's world, be humble, submit Him.

6. Marvelous promise those submit, humble. Same God most dreadful enemy proud "gives grace to the humble." ! marvelous thing! Only way God give good things if grace. Before get good news gospel bad news everyone everywhere needs hear. Fall Adam Eve, sin; wrath, punishment. Don't want God deal level what deserve; if got deserved hell. True everybody not believer Jc, no matter nice seem. Sure offensive, accused turning world upside down, but true. We need God give good things bad people us deserve bad things happen; that's grace. God do because Jesus, because perfect humility. Phil. 2:5-11. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery 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. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (5 你们当以基督耶稣的心为心。6 他本有神的形像, 不以自己与神同等为强夺的; 7 反倒虚己, 取了奴仆的形像, 成为人的样式; 8 既有人的样子, 就自己卑微, 存心顺服, 以至于死, 且死在十字架上。9 所以神将他升为至高, 又赐给他那超乎万名之上的名, 10 叫一切在天上的、地上的、和地底下的, 因耶稣的名, 无不屈膝, 11 无不口称耶稣基督为主, 使荣耀归于父神! )

7. Before get v. 6, need understand situation people Peter writing to; suffering Xians, some Xian Jews scattered persecution through Turkey; others slaves being asked do things violated God's Word, refused, punished. Were suffering faith, more suffering coming; Peter already told don't surprised. Now tells how respond 1Pe 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." Since God resists proud, gives grace humble, this way ought seek live. Still haven't really explained humility is. Know opposite pride, putting self forward, drawing attention self. Don't like other people do; already learned God hates, fights. Synonym humility lowliness mind; thinking self ought think. Three main thoughts guide minds humility. First, creatures dependent God everything, existence, life, blessings; designed His glory. Second, sinners, conceived born nature sinful, inside out, not environment, all have seeds all kinds sins; common grace (普遍恩典) God prevents being bad could be. No ability please God selves, continue rebellion, incapable giving selves spiritual life physically dead people capable raising selves dead. Third, if believe LJC person experienced grace God. He one given everything salvation. Made dead soul alive; gave faith, repentance, obedience. He reason everything good life; grace source everything glorifies God. These three kinds thoughts under blessing HS produce promote humility thankfulness life God's people.

8. ? what mean humble self mighty hand God? Doesn't mean having stoical attitude (忍耐的态度) says "bad things happen, just bear up, soldier on." Isn't artificial saying kinds things Xians supposed say though heart angry bitter rebellion. Means submitting God from heart, not diminishing reality suffering, but same time trusting Him bring through, end suffering His time, do good suffering. This entirely different spirit world when God brings trials calamities (试炼和患难). Nature man says "If can't understand wrong. God owes me explanation."

9. Quote commentator. "Again, mark the necessity his "mighty hand" there is no striving. It is a vain thing to flinch (退缩) and struggle for He does what He wills, and His hand is so mighty that the greatest power of the creature is nothing to it. Yea, it is all derived from Him and therefore cannot do any whit against Him. If you will not yield, you *must* yield. If you will not be led, then, you shall be pulled down and drawn. Therefore, submission is your only course. This is the end why he humbles you. He weighs upon you that you may be depressed, that God may squeeze us to humble us. Now when this end is gained (有益的), that you are willingly so, then, the weights are taken off; and you are lifted up by His gracious hand. Otherwise, it is not enough that he has humbled you by his hand, unless you humble yourselves under His hand. Many have had great and many pressures, one affliction after another and been humbled, and yet not made humble as they commonly express the difference. Humbled by force in regard of their outward condition, but not humbled in their inward temper (内在的性情), and therefore as soon as the weight is off, like heaps of wool, like a nerf ball (软球), once the pressure is off the ball fills up with air and goes back to its original size. They rise up again and grow again as big as they were before their humbling. If we would consider this in our particular trials and aim at this deportment (举止风度), it were our wisdom. Are they not mad who under any stroke quarrel or struggle against God. What gain your children thus at your hands but more blows. The child that fights the spanking gets more spanking. Nor is it an unseemly and unhappy way openly to resist, and strive but even secretly to fret (烦躁) and grumble (抱怨) for God hears the least whispering of the heart and looks most how the heart behaves itself under his hand. Oh, humble acceptance of his chastisement (惩罚、严责) is our duty and our peace; that which gains most on the heart of our father and makes the rod fall soonest out of His hand. When he sees that his hand is doing its work of humbling us from the heart, then God will also often take the humbled saint and bring him to a place of exaltation."

10. Tremendous encouragement those want obey command God humble under mighty hand. "that He may exalt you in due time." That tells purpose humbling selves. Even if wasn't reward, humility fitting response God, He God we not. Yet kindness generosity promises reward humble. When proper time? May be during this life already. Think life Joseph how humbled, thrown pit, sold slavery, falsely accused thrown prison, then brought out there, brought up. Twice Proverbs says "before honor is humility." (尊荣以前必有谦卑) Generally true those do best role in rise, better. Not guarantee people God humble position rise highest level society this life; Bible not promising that every believer this life; but is promising heavenly glory, sitting Christ His throne, reigning Him, serving Him. Gracious reward coming people God, not earned, undeserved, given reward God's work our lives; yet more reason praise. Come this point preparation Tuesday, wasted time twitter discovered "pride and joy" top trending phrase. Had do Olympics, Oreo Cookies trying use expression increase publicity. Message bible different that day, "Don't have be special do something special order have pride joy. Rather, grace God work lives sinners you me transforms us from proud people humble people experience joy heaven, never taken from." Remind verses Philipians Jesus Christ ultimate example being humbled also raised highest position.

11. Maybe someone says, "said okay concerned troubles this life. ? what do?" Learn what supposed do about troubles reason who v. 7. "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." Until time being lifted up believers humble selves under God's mighty hand, as do cast cares upon Him. Which cares these? Not cares which responsible; cares called to part life; not sinful cares ambition, envy; but legitimate cares what co under persecution. ? What do them? Cast them upon God. Idea putting cloak donkey Jesus ride. Can't carry cast same time. If cast, not burdened. ? Why? Reason God cares for you. He cares persecution, trouble, trials people; willing help. It Devil tells God doesn't care; devil tells look what going on around; but Word God heart God revealed there show cares. All blessings salvation evidence God cares. Gave Son, gives adoption, Holy Spirit. Cares very much, also you.

12. Live world pride virtue age; self-confidence expected promoted. Not way God's Word describes. Those truly happy, joyful, blessed mwbg humble in way relate each other; humble way relate God. They ones be lifted up. They ones going different world, show difference being saving relationship JC. ? Are you?