

Who Do You Think You Are?

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Philippians 2:1-13

“Who do you think you are? Do you think you are better than everyone else?” Ever heard those words? Ever said them? Those words are intended to bring the hearer up short, to think, “Well, no, I’m not better than anyone else.” Jesus’ example, according to Paul, goes well beyond that ideal.

Jesus was the only one who could think he was better than everyone else, and he gave it up. Jesus did not assert His divine prerogative. He had no “selfish ambition or vain conceit.” He “made himself nothing . . . humbled himself . . . and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!” (vv. 7-8).

Paul says, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus” (v. 6, emphasis added). This attitude expresses itself in love and unity in the community of believers. We would be “like-minded,” “one in spirit and purpose.” I want to be part of that kind of church, don’t you?

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