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Lesson 3:

ultimate humility

- i. Countdown & Announcements
- ii. Song- "Holy is the Lord" & "What Do I Know of Holy"

Question: As we have studied the greatness and holiness of God, what are some things that have stood out to you?

Question (In Groups): What is the most humbling experience you have ever had? What is something that you had to do that was totally uncool, gross, or embarrassing?
-ME: cold showers/ Ecuador; Fast Valley; elementary PE; deer stand for Hunter's grandpa

Question: Why did you do it?

I. Who Was Christ (before His human birth)?

*He was present and active in Creation

*He was in perfect glory experience the non-stop praise of Heaven

Talk About It: Based on what we've learned, describe the status that Jesus had before coming to earth.

II. Extreme Humility

A. He gave up everything (**Philippians 2:6-7a**)

1. gave up His heavenly status (WHAT?!)

Talk About It: You created. You protected. You did miracles. You forgave. Yet those people kept turning away from you and even turning against you. How do you feel toward them? Imagine the wrath of God. Imagine that wrath combined with His infinite power. ("Woe is me!")

2. took on the status as a slave on a cursed earth

*imagine that you are the President and you are forced to live as a homeless bum

*Why on earth would the king of the universe give up everything for people who are nothing?

B. He gave up everything to redeem those He loves (**Philippians 2:7b-8**)

1. verse **7b**- "And just when you thought it couldn't get any worse..."
2. As He watched the sinful people on earth from heaven and now stared them in the eyes as they spit in His face and turned their back on them, He **CHOSE** to die for them. He chose to die for us.

*But it was more than just dying for those He loves, He took on the full fury and wrath of God toward our sin that we deserved.

Did You Know: That wrath that was displayed on Christ on the cross is the wrath that also was created for Satan & his angels (**Matthew 25:41**)? It is a place of never ending torment (**Mark 9:44,46,48**). It is a place called hell.

*The sad part is that Christ died on the cross to take the wrath that we deserve in hopes that we will REPENT of our sins and follow Him, yet most people choose not to. They therefore will experience hell even though their punishment had already been paid for.

III. The Ultimate Response (**Philippians 2:9-11**)

A. There will come a day when all will bow before Him and recognize He is Lord

*most will bow before Him as He passes judgment on them and leads them to eternal separation from God

B. For those who have chosen to follow Christ, we are called to no wait until we stand before Him to live out verses **9-11**

Closing Thoughts:

Have we been changed through recognizing the greatness and holiness of God? Have we been broken over the fact that God in the form of man humbled Himself to redeem those He loves (even though they hated Him)? If so, we are challenged to exalt Him daily and live out the life that He has called us to live. Paul summarized this up in the next chapter in **Philippians 3:7-21**.