



THE CONDESCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST

AND **THE RESULTANT VICTORY** OF THE
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THE RESULTANT BLESSINGS TO HIS BODY
FROM **THE RESULTANT VICTORY** OF THE
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AMAZING LOVE
HOW CAN IT BE?

OUTLINE ... EPHESIANS 4:1-16 ESV ...

1. The blessing to walk worthy of our God, 4:1-6.

- (Ephesians 4:1-6 ESV) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

2. The blessing to serve in the divinely appointed and prescribed grace of God, 4:7-10.

- (Ephesians 4:7-10 ESV) But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." 9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? 10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

3. The blessing of spiritual leaders for the equipping of the saints of God, 4:11-12.

- (Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

4. The blessing of spiritual direction and purpose in the ministry of God, 4:13-16.

A. That we grow up and reach fullness in Christ based on the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, 4:13.

- (Ephesians 4:13 ESV) Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

B. That we may no longer be children, 4:14.

- (Ephesians 4:14 ESV) So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

C. That we would speak the truth in love and grow up in every way into Christ, 4:15.

- (Ephesians 4:15 ESV) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

D. That we would properly function in Christ so as to build his body up in love, 4:16.

- (Ephesians 4:16 ESV) From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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And now, dear friends, the argument of the apostle shall be our subject to-day. It divides itself in an extremely simple manner. We have first, the pristine condition of our Saviour—"He was rich." We have next, his condescension—"He became poor." And then we have the effect and result of his poverty—"That we might be made rich."

Think not that our Saviour began to live when he was born of the Virgin Mary; imagine not that he dates his existence from the manger at Bethlehem; remember he is the Eternal, he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Oh, how surprised angels were, when they were first informed that Jesus Christ, the Prince of Light and Majesty, intended to shroud himself in clay and become a babe, and live and die!

WHY DID THE SAVIOUR COME TO DIE AND BE POOR? Hear this, ye sons of Adam—the Scripture says, "For your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be made rich."

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