

# Imitating Christ

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**Our attitude should be the  
same as Christ's.**





# I. What should this attitude “reveal”?



**Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.**





**What is the mark of Christ's ownership of you?**

**What difference has Jesus' trademark made in your life?**



**“I’ve done this for you.  
Now, you go and do that  
same thing for others.”**

**Christ’s “trademark”**



**<sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**

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## **II. What is this “attitude of Christ?”**





**WILLINGNESS to do what  
you don't HAVE.**



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**Jesus is God**

**Jesus became a servant**



**He was obedient.**

**“Obedient unto death”**





# Basin Theology 1

## Matthew 27





**He knew what he should  
have done but he took the  
easy way out; he passed on  
to others the responsibility  
which should have been his.**



# Basin Theology 2

## John 13







**"...Unless I wash you, you have  
no part with me." John 13:8**

**"I have set you an example  
that you should do as I have  
done for you." John 13:15**



**Jesus' basin serves as a contrast  
to that of Pilate's. Whereas  
Pilate uses his to avoid his  
rightful responsibility,  
Jesus uses his basin to take on  
responsibility which most would  
have said was not his at all.**





**If we are going to be associated  
with Him, we will not be  
shunning responsibility but  
looking for opportunities to be  
more than responsible.**



# **III. So why don't we Christians do this more often?**





**1st – many Christians get the false impression that somebody else will take care of it.**

**There may never be someone else that will do the job quite like God wants YOU to do it.**



**2nd – many Christians get the  
false impression their  
contribution is so small it won't  
make any difference to God.**



**For the eyes of the LORD range  
throughout the earth to  
strengthen those whose hearts  
are fully committed to him.**

**2 Chronicles 16:9**



**God's desire is to watch us when  
we TRY to make a difference for  
Him because our good works on  
His behalf give Him pleasure.**



**“Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and GLORIFY YOUR FATHER which is  
in heaven.”**

**Matthew 5:16**





**But the 3rd reason I can  
think of is that they don't  
know what to do.**



**We serve a big God who  
makes our weakness into  
strength.**

**Let us Imitate Christ!**

