

## **Volume 2 – Day 7: The Essence of Christ Within**

The essence of faith in Christ, the essence being a Christian (a ‘Christ-In’ as they were called at Antioch), the essence of becoming Christ-like is to be like Him in spirit and attitude. Jesus possessed from his very beginning an emptiness of self. There was a distinct absence of pride and a fullness of humility in Him. He was willing to introduce Himself at the lowest entry point into humanity. And He was willing to always be in a place of submission to those to whom He ministered. Even in His final moments, Jesus, the Master, the very Son of God would give His life to redeem us all.

The ultimate example of humility is written in Philippians 2:5-8 “Think of your selves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn’t think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn’t claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.” — Philippians 2:5-8 MSG. Jesus, who deserved all the praise and glory of every man, woman and child ever to exist, personified relationship at its finest!

At His final meal with His disciples, Jesus dropped down on His knees before each man and washed their feet. If the King of the universe can wash the feet of His disciples, we certainly should desire to wash the feet of our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you consider any task to be beneath your dignity, this pride will prevent a deeply intimate and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

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