MISSIO DEI FELLOWSHIP

A Submitted Life

The Submission of The Son

Acts 26:1-14

Salvation • Providence • Submission • Lordship of Christ

INTRODUCTION

Kicking Against the Goads

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

01 **Paul's Shock**
He thought his religious zeal was good and right. In reality he had been resisting God the entire time.

02 **Our Parallel**
Diligently seeking acceptance on our own merits while actually opposing the very God we claim to serve.

03 **The Turning**
Only when Paul stopped kicking and submitted to Jesus as Lord did he Lord did he find forgiveness, freedom, and eternal life.

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What Saving Faith Looks Like

Submission is a whole-hearted bending of the heart to the supremacy of Jesus as Lord.

It is an embracing and resting on Jesus and what He has done—rather than merely acknowledging Him while going on with what you really love and embrace.

The idea of a submitted life requires us first to see and marvel at the perfect example given to us in Jesus Christ.

RECAP

The Preincarnate Son of God

Philippians 2	Eternally existed in the form of God and equality with God.
John 1:1	Before anything existed, the Son was both with God and was God.
John 17:5	His desire: to take back up the glory He set aside in the incarnation.
John 8:58	“Before Abraham was, I am.” — He takes up the the divine Name itself.

Our Best and Proper Example

Not merely a submission TO Jesus but observing and treasuring
how Jesus submitted Himself
to the Father as He fulfilled His responsibilities as our Savior.

An Ageless Submission

Ephesians 1:4

Before anything was anything—within the Godhead it was determined that God the Father would send God the Son into the world as the only means of salvation.

In the fullness of His glory, the Son submitted Himself to become a man—long before there was a sun, a moon, an earth, a garden, or a fall.

Philippians 2:3–8 — The Pattern

3–4	Do nothing from selfishness; with humility of mind regard one one another as more important.
5	This mindset was first modeled for us in Jesus Christ.
6	He did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped and held onto.
7	He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave—not a king or or warrior.
8	He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death on a cross.

Submission in Conception & Birth

Unique Conception

In the womb of the virgin Mary, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

He became the Seed of the Woman promised in Genesis 3:15.

Mystery

The Creator being formed in the womb of one of His creatures—knitting together His own body while remaining fully God and fully man, without sin.

THE SUBMISSION OF THE SON

Submission in Birth & Early Life

Development

He developed from embryo to full-term baby.

Learning Obedience

Hebrews 5:8 — "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered."

Growth

Luke 2:52 — "And Jesus was advancing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

Paradox

In Him are all wisdom and knowledge—yet in humiliation He He had to learn and grow.

Submission to the Frailty of Humanity

Tempted, Yet Without Sin

Surrounded by sin & its effects

Poverty & Refugee

Physical Limits

Compassion

Submission to Earthly Authorities

Under the Law

The Lawgiver to Israel placed Himself under that same Law and kept it perfectly.

He obeyed the civil laws of the Roman Empire, even when unjust.

At His Arrest

"Put your sword back into its place… Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matthew 26:52-53)

Submission in His Messaging

John 5 — He only did what the Father does

v. 19	The Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing.
v. 20	This flows out of the love between the Father and the Son.
v. 30	“I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

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Submission in His Death

2 Corinthians 5:21
"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

On the cross He cried, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"—the human nature of Jesus experiencing, for the first and only time, separation from the Father.

CONCLUSION

What Then Do We Learn?

01 **A Life of Submission**

02 **There Is Honor in Submission**

03 **There Is Learning Through Suffering**

04 **Humility from His Example**

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace
in believing the good news of Jesus Christ,
so that you will abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen