Sermon Title: "Clothed in Humility, Clothed in Christ"

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:5-7

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INTRODUCTION

1 Peter 5:10-11; 1 Peter 5:5-7 -

I. THE HORRORS OF PRIDE AND THE JOYS OF HUMILITY

1) Peter's entire argument surrounding our need of humility is rooted in <u>WHO</u> God is and HOW God responds to pride and humility.

God OPPOSES the proud...

Proverbs 6:16; Proverbs 11:2; Proverbs 16:5; Proverbs 16:18 -

God GIVES GRACE to the humble...

Luke 18:13-14; Luke 23:42-43 -

2) There are many common, contemporary, ugly counterfeits to humility. These counterfeits may look like humility, but they are, in fact, just expressions of self-centered <u>pride</u>.

Note: Self-loathing is not humility; it is hopelessly and <u>unhelpfully</u> fixated on self.

Romans 7:24-25 -

Note: Humble-brag is not humility; it subtly and secretly works to elevate and glorify self.

1 Corinthians 15:10-11 -

Note: Self-pity is not humility; it is consumed with all the things we think we deserve.

Romans 8:18 -

3) Humility is NOT optional; it is a command! Humility is choosing to remember, to rejoice in
and to imitate Jesus (His self-sacrificing, self-giving love).

"...be subject..."

"Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another..."

John 13:13-15 -

4) God NEVER FAILS to bless, to care for, to uplift, to strengthen, and to ultimately bring <u>fullness</u> of joy to those who humble themselves before Him!

1 Peter 5:6-7 -

John 13:16-17 -

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- 1. What comes into your mind when you hear the word "humility"?
- 2. How would you define and/or describe humility? What is it? Where does it come from?
- 3. Why is pride so deadly and dangerous? What does pride lead to? What does it produce?
- 4. How can we, on a daily basis, "clothe" ourselves in humility? What do we need?
- 5. What burdens and anxieties do you need to "cast" on your Father who cares for you?