

The Triumphant Triangle
(Do We Celebrate, or What?)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.... Philippians 2.5

When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'
Matthew 21.10

Why did Jesus' _____ cause a whole city to be in turmoil?

Take that in! He knew the Cross was at the end of His journey, and He still rode into Jerusalem knowing that in just a few days the cheers of the crowds would turn into jeers, shouting, *Crucify Him! Crucify Him!* As the crowds asked, _____ *is this?* So, too, we ask "*who is this* that He would do such a thing?"

What is important Philippians chapter 2 gives a _____ answer to the question asked by the crowds in Jerusalem when Jesus made His triumphal entry into the city.

As the Son of God, Jesus had power, position, and privilege, but _____ Himself, and refused to exploit His equality with God.

_____ is the first point in the Triumphant Triangle.

_____ is the second point in the Triumphant Triangle! Humility and obedience, there can be no real obedience to God without humility.

We are to be _____ Jesus! We, too, are to humble ourselves before God and become obedient to death, even death on a cross. But for us today, the death is not a literal physical death on a cross.

When we humble ourselves before God and become obedient to death, at that point we will find ourselves on a cross dying _____ our sin with Jesus Who died for our sin.

This brings us to the third point of the Triumphant Triangle, _____. After Jesus *humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death on the cross*, then, God *highly exalted Him....*

Now, we have the _____ corners of the Triumphant Triangle: humility, obedience and exaltation.

Humility is a daily choice, and there are many strongholds in our hearts that need to be subjected to the scrutiny of God's Word and Spirit. In his book, *The Crucified Life*, Tozer lists one that he considers to be a great obstacle to life in Christ. He wrote, "_____ -trust is the last great obstacle to living the crucified life." (p.101)

Let us have the _____ of Christ! Day by day, the choice is ours! Power, privilege and position grounded in self-trust? Or, humility, obedience and death grounded in trusting our Father in heaven?