

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

James 4:10 "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Humility is the state of mind and heart that places total care and control of our lives in the Lord. It is allowing our personal will to be secondary to the will of the Lord. This is basic to our surrender to God and His loving guidance in our lives and is a way to define salvation – acceptance of Christ Jesus as *Lord*.

- 1. Why is it true that *it is more difficult for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God?*
- 2. Is the kingdom of heaven denied to all the rich people? Why?
- 3. How does the description of the rich contrast with the definition of the humble in the opening paragraph?
- 4. What is the basic truth behind Romans 6:23?
- 5. What is the basic truth behind Romans 7:24?

ROOTS (Humility)

- 6. How did this life of ours become separated from God? (See Romans 7:13; and the original sin Genesis 3.)
- 7. How did the Lord remove our bondage to sin? (See Romans 6:10)
- 8. What must we do to receive this gift of freedom? (See Romans 10L9, 10)
- 9. What does Romans 6:4-8 add to the question above?
- 10. Now what? (Read Colossians 3:12)
- 11. What are the immediate rewards of a life surrendered to Christ by humility? (See Proverbs 11:2; 2 Chronicles 34:24; 2 Chronicles 7:14)