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Christ's Incarnation (Part 3)

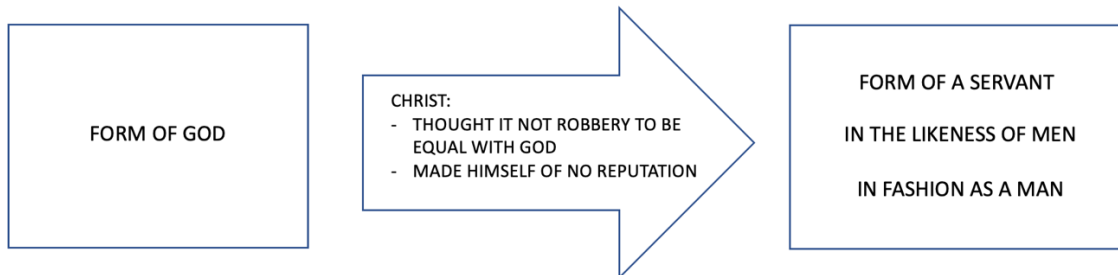
TEXT:

Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: [6] Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: [7] But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: [8] And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. [9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: [10] That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; [11] And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Paul gave a series of exhortation for the Philippians to be like-minded, and lowly-minded, which he presses from the example of Christ.
- Christians must be of Christ's mind.

TWO NATURES OF JESUS CHRIST: FORM OF GOD AND FORM OF A SERVANT



FORM OF GOD

- The eternal and only begotten Son of God
- Colossians 1:15-17 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: [16] For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: [17] And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

CHRIST THOUGHT IT NOT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD

- John 10:30 I and my Father are one.
- There was an equality of nature and of rank with God, from which he humbled himself when he became a man.
- John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self **with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.**

MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION

- The Greek is ἐαυτον ἐκένωσεν heauton ekenōsen. The word κενόω kenoō means literally, to empty, "to make empty, to make vain or void."
- That it cannot mean that he literally divested himself of his divine nature and perfections, for that was impossible. He could not cease to be omnipotent, and omnipresent, and most holy, and true, and good.
- Christ laid aside, for a time, his honor and his glory in heaven.

FORM OF A SERVANT

- Christ was made like a servant in the lowly condition.
- Christ came to minister to men, and was among them as one who serveth.

IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN

- Christ was made like unto people by assuming such a body as theirs

IN THE FASHION AS A MAN

- “Fashion” means condition.
- Christ took upon himself all the attributes of a man.
- Hunger, Pain, Sorrow, Temptation

TWO ESTATES OF CHRIST: HUMILIATION AND EXALTATION

<p>CHRIST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- HUMBLED HIMSELF- HE BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS	<p>GOD HATH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- HIGHLY EXALTED CHRIST- GIVEN CHRIST A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME <p>AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEEE SHOULD BOW EVERY TONGE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD</p> <p>TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER</p>
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CHRIST HUMBLLED HIMSELF

- Christ’s whole life was a life of humiliation, meanness, poverty, and disgrace; he had nowhere to lay his head, lived upon alms, was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, did not appear with external pomp, or any marks of distinction from other men.
- The lowest step of his humiliation was his dying the death of the cross.

HE BECAME OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH, EVEN THE DEATH OF THE CROSS

- The greatness of his humiliation was shown by his becoming entirely obedient, even until he died on the cross.

GOD HATH HIGHLY EXALTED CHRIST

- As a reward of this humiliation and these sufferings. The idea is, that there was an appropriate reward for it, and that that was bestowed upon him by his exaltation as Mediator to the right hand of God;

GOD HATH GIVEN CHRIST A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME

- Christ has a title of dignity above all the creatures, men and angels.
- And in power: Every knee must bow to him. The whole creation must be in subjection to him: things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, the inhabitants of heaven and earth, the living and the dead.
- And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord—every nation and language should publicly own the universal empire of the exalted Redeemer, and that all power in heaven and earth is given to him.
- Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.