

PHILIPPIANS...PART IX

"Kenosis"

Reference: **Philippians 2:5-7a**

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verse five, "*Let this mind (attitude) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.*"

verse six, *who (Christ Jesus), being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God.*"

Question... what form does God exist in?

Reference: **John 4:24** states that God is a _____

The word Incarnation means "_____"

Jesus Christ was one person that, after His conception and subsequent birth at Bethlehem, then had two distinct natures: one nature was _____, and a second nature was _____

Consider two passages that describe these two different natures of Jesus.

Reference: **John 10:30** Jesus said, "*I and My Father are one...*"

Continue reading **verses 31** through **33**

But notice another passage that seems to state something else

Reference: **John 14:28** Jesus said, "*...for My Father is **greater than I.***"

The ancient **Athanasian Creed** affirms that Jesus Christ is "equal to the Father as touching his _____ and inferior to the Father as touching His _____."

The Greek term that is translated in verse six as "*equal*" is "*isos*", and means an _____.

verse seven, "*but made Himself of **no reputation.***"

The word "*reputation*" is translated from the Greek word "*kenoo*" and from that word we have derived the theological word "*kenosis.*" "*Kenosis*" means "to make **empty**... to _____ of possessions and properties." That's the reason this section is called the "Kenosis" passage.

Let me suggest four things that Jesus emptied Himself of in becoming a man.

ONE... He emptied Himself in voluntarily submitting to the _____ of His _____.

References: **Matthew 4:2**, **John 4:6**, **John 11:35**, **Hebrews 4:15**, etc.

TWO... He emptied Himself in voluntarily giving up His unique intimate and _____-to-_____ relationship with God as His Father...even to the point of being *forsaken* by Him.

Reference: **Matthew 27:46**, "*...Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' That is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'*"

THREE... He emptied Himself in voluntarily surrendering the independent use of some of His _____ as _____

Reference: **Matthew 12:28** (Jesus depended on the Holy Spirit to do miracles)

Reference: **John 11:41** (Jesus depended on the Father to do miracles)

FOUR... He emptied Himself in that He voluntarily concealed some of His _____-_____ glory

Reference: **Revelation 1:12-18**