

Philippians 2:6-8

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) The most significant theological truth is that God the Son become Jesus the Man. Without this single component, nothing else matters in terms of your eternal destiny.
- 2) 2:6 The “form of God” cannot be relinquished because God cannot cease to be God. The word “taking” (labōn) is not an exchange, but an addition.
- 3) 2:7 So vast is the separation between God and man because of the fall that nothing less than the work of God can bring us back.
- 4) 2:7 Jesus had to become like us not for His own benefit, as though He could not understand, but so He could carry out specific actions (Hebrews 2:14-15, 17):
 - to defeat Satan
 - to free His children
 - to make a blood covenant
- 5) 2:7 Jesus did not hold onto His rights and entitlements as God, nor did he use His power for personal advantage.
- 6) 2:7 The Son of God emptied Himself of specific things:
 - He temporarily denied Himself His glory.
 - He denied Himself independent authority (John 5:30; 6:38).
 - He denied Himself exercise of some of His attributes.
 - He denied Himself eternal riches (2 Corinthians 8:9).
 - He emptied Himself of intimate, face-to-face relationship with His Father, even to the point of being forsaken by Him (Matthew 27:46).
- 7) 2:8 Jesus became exactly like all other humans, having all the attributes of humanity. He who made life subjected Himself to physical death so that He could destroy the very thing you fear most.

- 8) *Hebrews 2:14* The only way to render Satan inoperative is to take his weapon.

GREEK WORDS

Huparchō—existed; present active participle [compound verb]; denotes the continuance of a previous state; stresses the essence of a person’s nature, that which is absolutely unalterable and unchangeable

Morphē—form; outward manifestation of an inner reality

Kenoō—to empty completely; to nullify; to make void

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