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## **Philippians 2:4-11**

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Incarnation: That Jesus is fully God who also became fully man.**

v. 6-“who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped”

### **“Equality”**

ἴσος-“isos” means exactly equal in size, quantity, quality, character, number, etc.

An **isomer** is a chemical molecule having very slightly different structure from another molecule but being absolutely identical with it in terms of its chemical elements and weight. It's equal.

**Isomorph** means having the same form.

**Isometric** means equal measures.

**Isosceles** triangle is a triangle that has two equal sides.

## **“Grasped”**

ἄρπαγμός (harpagmós)-“not forcefully retaining something for one’s own advantage”  
“Regard the being equal with God,” a tremendous statement, He is equal with God.

**John 8:58**-“Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

**John 10:33**-“The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but you blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

**Colossians 1:15**-“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

**John 17:5**-“And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”

**v.7-“but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”**

**“Made Himself nothing”**

ἐκένωσεν ekenosen-points to the divesting of His self-interests, but not of His deity.”

**“Form”**

μορφή Morphe In other words, it is a word that refers to essence or essential being or nature. Here applied to God, the form of God it means what He is in Himself, His essential being. The statement then is saying that Jesus Christ existed in the essential being of God. And He has always and continuously and unalterably existed in that essence.

**V. 8-“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”**

“Form” (or appearance)

σχῆμα schéma; (only other use 1 Cor. 7:31).

**Hebrews 1:3-**“He is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature.”

**Galatians 4:5–6-** “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

**Hebrews 2:17–18-**“Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

**Hebrews 4:15-**“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

**“He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death” (becoming obedient.)  
The participle implies it was a voluntary submission to death.”**

Crucifixion was hated by Jews Deuteronomy 21:22 (Gal 3:13)

Notice Jesus wasn't in close war with Satan

## **Why is Believing in the Incarnation/Deity of Jesus So Critical to My Life?**

- 1. Because the deity of Jesus is: Sine qua non (without which none)**
- 2. It tell us Christ is immensely sufficient!**
- 3. You can live in utter trust and dependence upon Him, knowing His provision of salvation was stunningly perfect.**
- 4. Because He did not consider His own rights, you should surrender you life to HIM with joy. (I realize it is detestable if I don't surrender)**
- 5. Knowing/Believing this truth, is what better enables you to live with a deep and passionate appreciation of God.**