

B. Kenosis

* 1. Definition: emptying

The technical term covering the humiliation of Jesus Christ in becoming a man through the incarnation

* 2. Philippians 2:5-8

5 *"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*

6 *who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

7 *but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

8 *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*

Questions:

Q. What was Christ's form before he became a man? (verse 6)

He existed in the form of God
Equal with God

Q. What form did Christ take on? (verses 7,8)

- ▶ The *"form of a bond-servant"*
A bondservant to whom? ... to God!
- ▶ Why a servant's role? our example (look at verse 5)
- ▶ What does this mean to you personally? ... we need to practice humility
- ▶ Likeness of man; appearance of a man

(LESSON, Section I.C, page 30)

--> Christ was a man

Q. What did Christ let go of - in becoming a man? (verse 6)

Equality with God
Equality means "the same as"

Q. In forfeiting His equality with God, what did Christ do? (verse 7)

He emptied himself.

Notice: He chose to do it Himself (self-abnegation)

Q. What does it mean that Christ emptied Himself?

- ▶ He set aside the exercising of His divine attributes
Yet, as we shall see, He was still God
- ▶ How far did His self-abnegation go?

I

Note: He was still able to read man's thoughts - Matthew 9:4

"And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, 'Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?'"

Q. How far did His humility go? (verse 8)

- ▶ The point of death
 - Even death on a cross
 - Executed as a criminal - a disgracing death

*

- ▶ Moreover, Christ's death was voluntarily - John 10:17-18

17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

*

3. The humility of Jesus Christ seen in His submission to the Father

As a bondservant's role ...

This explains why we find verses like:

- a. John 5:30

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

- b. John 4:34

"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work.'"

- c. John 14:28

"You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I."

- d. Matthew 20:28

"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

S C. Christ, the God-man, as seen in the transfiguration Matthew 17:1-8

- 1 *"And six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves.*
- 2 *And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.*
- 3 *And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.*
- 4 *And Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'*
- 5 *While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!'*
- 6 *And when the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were much afraid.*
- 7 *And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, 'Arise, and do not be afraid.'*
- 8 *And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus Himself alone."*

Q. Who was with Christ on the mountain? ... Peter, James, John
Peter referred to event as "*eyewitnesses of His majesty*", 2 Peter 1:16

Q. What was His appearance during His transfiguration? (verse 2)
... "*Shone like the sun; garments white as light*"

Q. Why is the transfiguration important?
What does the transfiguration show us about Christ?
... Christ's deity - He was 100% God

Christ pulled back the veil of His
humanity and revealed
His true glory!**

Names, Appellations & Titles of Christ

1. Advocate 1 John 2:1
2. Almighty Revelation 1:8
3. Alpha & the Omega Revelation 1:8
4. Anointed Psalm 2:2
5. Author & finisher of our faith Hebrews 12:2

6. Beloved Ephesians 1:6
7. Bread of life John 6:48
8. Bridegroom Matthew 9:15
9. Bright & morning star Revelation 22:16
10. Brightness of the Father's glory Hebrews 1:3

11. Captain of salvation Hebrews 2:10
12. Carpenter Mark 6:3
13. Carpenter's son Matthew 13:55
14. Chief Shepherd 1 Peter 5:4
15. Chief cornerstone 1 Peter 2:6

16. Child Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:27,43
17. The Christ Matt. 16:20, Mark 14:61
18. Christ the Lord Luke 2:11
19. Christ the power of God 1 Corinthians 1:24
20. Christ the wisdom of God 1 Corinthians 1:24

21. Counsellor Isaiah 9:6
22. Dayspring Luke 1:78
23. Day star 2 Peter 1:19
24. Deliverer Romans 11:26
25. Door John 10:9

26. Emmanuel Isaiah 7:14
27. Eternal life 1 John 5:20
28. Everlasting Father Isaiah 9:6
29. Faithful & True Revelation 19:11
30. Faithful witness Revelation 1:5

31. Finisher of faith Hebrews 12:2
32. First & last Revelation 1:17
33. Foundation Isaiah 28:16
34. Friend of sinners Matthew 11:19
35. Gift of God John 4:10

36. Glory of Israel Luke 2:32
37. God John 1:1
38. God with us Matthew 1:23
39. Good Master Matthew 19:16
40. Great shepherd Hebrews 13:20

41. Head of the church Ephesians 5:23
42. High priest Hebrews 4:14
43. Holy child Acts 4:30
44. Holy one of God Mark 1:24
45. Hope (our) 1 Timothy 1:1
46. Horn of salvation Luke 1:69
47. I am John 8:58
48. Image of God Hebrews 1:3
49. Jesus Christ our Lord Romans 1:3
50. Jesus of Nazareth Mark 1:24
51. Judge Acts 10:42
52. Just one Acts 3:14
53. King of kings 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14
54. King of the Jews Matthew 2:2
55. Lamb Revelation 5:6,8; 6:16
56. Lamb of God John 1:29
57. Life John 14:6
58. Light of the world John 8:12
59. Light (true) John 1:9
60. Living bread John 6:51
61. Living stone 1 Peter 2:4
62. Lion of the tribe of Judah Revelation 5:5
63. Lord Romans 1:3
64. Lord of Lords Revelation 17:14; 19:16
65. Lord of all Acts 10:36
66. Lord God Almighty Revelation 15:3
67. Lord from heaven 1 Corinthians 15:47
68. Lord Jesus Christ Acts 11:17
69. Lord of the dead & the living Romans 14:9
70. Lord of the sabbath Mark 2:28
71. Man of sorrows Isaiah 53:3
72. Master Matthew 23:8
73. Mediator 1 Timothy 2:5
74. Messiah John 1:41
75. Mighty God Isaiah 9:6
76. Nazarene Matthew 2:23
77. Offspring of David Revelation 22:16
78. Only begotten of the Father John 1:14
79. Only begotten son John 1:18
80. Passover 1 Corinthians 5:7
81. Power of God 1 Corinthians 1:24
82. Physician Matthew 9:12
83. Prince of life Acts 3:15
84. Prince of peace Isaiah 9:6
85. Propitiation 1 John 2:2

86. Rabbi	John 1:49
87. Ransom	1 Timothy 2:6
88. Resurrection & the life	John 11:25
89. Righteous judge	2 Timothy 4:8
90. Rock	1 Corinthians 10:4
91. Rock of offense	1 Peter 2:8
92. Root of David	Revelation 5:5
93. Salvation	Luke 2:30
94. Savior	Luke 2:11
95. Savior of the body	Ephesians 5:23
96. Savior of the world	1 John 4:14
97. Seed of David	2 Timothy 2:8
98. Shepherd	Mark 14:27
99. Shepherd & guardian of your souls	1 Peter 2:25
100. Shepherd (good)	John 10:11
101. Son of the Father	2 John 3
102. Son of God	Hebrews 4:14
103. Son of man	Matthew 20:28
104. Son of David	Matthew 9:27
105. Surety	Hebrews 7:22
106. Stone	Matthew 21:42
107. Stone of stumbling	1 Peter 2:8
108. Teacher	John 3:2
109. True vine	John 15:1
110. Truth	John 14:6
111. Unspeakable gift	2 Corinthians 9:15
112. Way	John 14:6
113. Wonderful	Isaiah 9:6
114. Word	John 1:1
115. Word of God	Revelation 19:13
116. Word of life	1 John 1:1

The "I AM's" of Christ

1. Gentle and humble in heart - Matthew 11:29

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls."

2. The Son of God - Matthew 27:43

"He trusts in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He takes pleasure in Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

3. With you always - Matthew 28:20

"teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

4. Messiah - John 4:25-26

"The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.'

Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.'"

5. Bread of life - John 6:35

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'"

6. The light of the world - John 8:12

"Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.'"

7. He that came down out of heaven - John 6:41

"The Jews therefore were grumbling about Him, because He said, 'I am the bread that came down out of heaven.'"

8. He who bears witness of Himself - John 8:18

"I am He who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

The "I AM's" of Christ (continued)

9. From above, not of this world - John 8:23

"And He was saying to them, 'You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.'"

10. I AM - John 8:58

"Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.'"

11. The door - John 10:9

"I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

12. The good shepherd - John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

13. Resurrection and the life - John 11:25

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,'"

14. The way, the truth, and the life - John 14:6

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.'"

15. In the Father - John 14:10

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works."

16. The vine - John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing."

The "I AM's" of Christ (continued)

17. King - John 18:37

"Pilate therefore said to Him, 'So You are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'"

18. Alpha and the Omega/ Almighty - Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'"

19. The first and the last, the living one, alive forever - Revelation 1:17,18

17 "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.'"

20. He who searches the minds and hearts - Revelation 2:23

"And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds."

21. Coming quickly - Revelation 3:11

"I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, in order that no one take your crown."

22. The Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end - Revelation 21:6

"And He said to me, 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.'"

23. Root and offspring of David/ the bright and morning star - Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."