

**"DOWN FROM HIS GLORY"**  
**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**  
**(A CHRISTMAS EVE SERMON)**

**NOTE:** The theme of our service tonight is **DOWN FROM HIS GLORY.... THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT JESUS CHRIST DID WHEN HE CAME TO EARTH OVER 2000 YEARS AGO.** Of all the passages in the Word of God that we read during this time of the year, ONE TEXT THAT CLEARLY PRESENTS WHAT CHRIST DID AT HIS INCARNATION IS PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11. **LET'S OBSERVE!**

**OBSERVATIONS:**

- 1) **THIS TEXT** is perhaps the **GREATEST DOCTRINAL STATEMENT IN SCRIPTURE** relative to the PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST. It is known as the **"KENOSIS"** or the **"EMPTYING."** (Speaking of how Christ emptied Himself when He came to earth).
- 2) **THIS TEXT** brings together **ALL** that JESUS CHRIST was in Eternity Past, What He did on Earth, and what He will be in Eternity Future.
- 3) **THIS TEXT** clearly brings together the **GLORIOUS MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS AND EASTER IN ONE MAJESTIC TEXT!**

**SEVEN TRUTHS SEEN ABOUT CHRIST JESUS IN THE TEXT**

- 1) Christ Jesus is the **Eternal God – Vs.6** (Equal with God)
- 2) Christ Jesus **Emptied Himself – Vs. 7a** ("Made Himself of no Reputation")
- 3) Christ Jesus **Stooped to Become a Servant – Vs. 7b** ("The Form of a Servant")
- 4) Christ Jesus **Became a Man – Vs. 7c** ("Made in the Likeness of Men")
- 5) Christ Jesus **Humbled Himself – Vs. 8a** ("Humbled Himself")
- 6) Christ Jesus **Submitted Himself to Death – Vs. 8b** ("Obedient unto Death")
- 7) Christ Jesus **Yielded to the Death of the Cross – Vs. 8c** ("Death of the Cross")

**CHRIST JESUS MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION**  
**("EKENOSEN" – EMPTIED HIMSELF")**

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

**HE NEVER STOPPED BEING GOD AS HE BECAME FULLY MAN!**

- 1) As a Baby in Mary's Arms, Jesus was 100% God...**At that point He could have SPOKEN THE UNIVERSE OUT OF EXISTENCE!**
- 2) In becoming a Man at His Birth, Jesus **Emptied Himself of CERTAIN PREROGATIVES OF DIETY....** That is, **HE LIMITED HIMSELF!**
  - From the GLORY OF HEAVEN to a Stable and a Manger
  - From being SURROUNDED BY ANGELS to being surrounded by Shepherds
  - From the ROYALTY OF MAJESTY to humility of a Carpenter's Family
  - From then POWER OF DIETY to weakness of Complete Humanity
  - From the THRONE OF GOD IN HEAVEN to Death of the Cross

**AT ANY TIME ON EARTH JESUS COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING HE WANTED TO AS GOD, BUT HE CAME DOWN FROM HIS GLORY TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US ALL!**

**BUT GOD THE FATHER HIGHLY EXALTED HIM (VERSES 9-11)...SO SHOULD WE!**  
**HERE-NOW-TONIGHT-ALWAYS!**

**TRUST CHRIST AS SAVIOR – SERVE HIM AS LORD – PRAISE HIM AS GOD**  
**SHARE HIM AS THE MESSIAH**

