

# Philippians

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Phil. 2:5a *Have this attitude in yourselves ...*

Touto froneite en umin

*this* TOUTON - nom m.s.

*Have this attitude*  PHONEW - to think, to have m.a.  
pres imperative, command, directive \*Phil. 2:5; 3:15; Col. 3:2

*in yourselves* EN HUMEIS - in yourselves

Continue to have this attitude in yourselves....

*Philippians - good church, in tune with Paul's thinking, hence God's*

An Appeal to Gospel Mentality - The Example of JC 2:5-11

Phil. 2:5b ...*which was also in Christ Jesus,*  
oἱκαὶ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ

*which* HOS - relative pronoun

*also* KAI - adverbial, even, also

*was* (implied - exists) =  


*in Christ Jesus* EN CHRISTOS IJSOUS

The Bible commands us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus

Wrong. Nowhere.

The Bible commands us to “do what Jesus would do”

Wrong. Nowhere.

The Bible does command us to think like Jesus Christ.

Yes. Everywhere.      \*Phil 2:5a; 1Cor. 4:16; 11:1; Eph. 5:1;  
1Th. 1:6; 2:14; 2Th. 3:7,9; Heb. 6:12; 13:7; 3John 1:11

*“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Rom. 12:2, NAS95S)*

Phil. 2:6a *who, although He existed in the form of*  
*God,* οὐκ ἦν μορφῆς θεοῦ υπαρκτων

*who* HOS - relative pronoun m.s. referring back to Jesus Christ

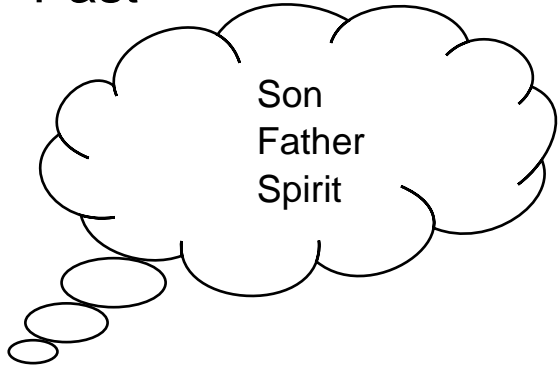
~~*although*~~ *added to the translation*

~~*in the form of God,*~~ MORPHE - external appearance  
of inner quality

~~*He existed*~~ → HUPW + ARCHW - once upon a time existing,  
temporarily existing

Eternity  
Past

Eternity  
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at a time existing  
or  
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*John 17:5 "Now,  
Father, glorify Me  
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Phil. 2:6b ... *did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

ouj arpagmon hghsato to\einai i\$ a qew;

*did not regard*



JGJOMAI - to count, consider, think

\*Phil 2:3

*a thing to be grasped*

HARPAGMOS - action noun, not thing  
taking, grabbing, taking, seizing, robbery, thievery

no article, emphasizing the character, quality

Matt. 12:29; John 6:15; 10:12; Acts 23:10; 1Th. 4:17; Jo 10:29

~~*equality with God*~~

ISOS - adv equally  
*isosceles triangle*

Matt. 20:12; John 5:18; Rev. 21:16

the state of existing equal to God

## Individuals who were robbers and thieves:

Satan

(Is. 14:13-15, NAS95S)

“  
“But you said in your heart,  
‘I will ascend to heaven;  
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,  
And I will sit on the mount of assembly  
In the recesses of the north.  
‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;  
I will make myself like the Most High.’  
”

Adam

(Gen. 3:4-6, NAS95S)

“The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!  
“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes  
will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good  
and evil.” When the woman saw that the tree was good  
for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that  
the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from  
its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with  
her, and he ate.”

Man of Lawlessness

(2Th. 2:3-4, NAS95S)

“and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of  
destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above  
every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes  
his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being  
God.”

Not so JC

(Phil. 2:6, NAS95S)

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



Phil. 2:7b ... *but emptied Himself,*

αὐτὸν αἰεῖ αὐτὸν ἐκεῖν

*but*

ALLA - strong contrast

*(he) emptied*



KENOW - 3 sg act aorist ind

emphasis on event

to empty, void, nullify

Rom. 4:14; 1Cor. 9:15; 2Cor. 9:3; 1Cor 1:17

*Himself,*

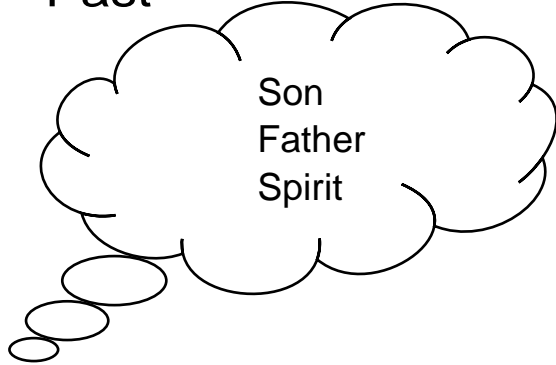
AUTOS - prn. m.s. Him

*voluntary action*

*voluntary object*

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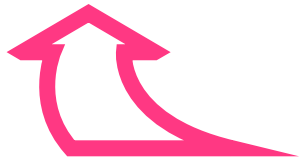
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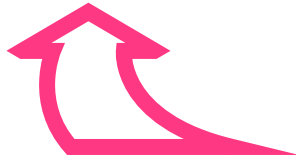
## Participles assist the meaning of the main verb

KENWSIS event (He emptied himself)

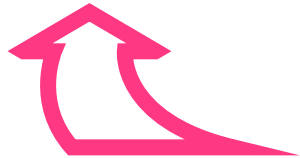
is described more particular by the following participles.



vs 7b “taking”



vs 7c “being made”



vs 8a “being found”

*Phil. 2:7b ... taking the form of a bond-servant,*

morfhñ douyou labwñ,

*the form*

MORPHJ - external appearance  
of inner quality \**Phil 2:6*

*of a bond-servant,*

DOULOS - slave, property  
no article emphasizes character, quality

*taking*  


LAMBANW - to take, to receive  
part aor act

**taken**

259 times 102 take, 132 receive

# Jesus Christ accepts subordination

\**Phil 2:8b*

An Appeal to Gospel Mentality - The Example of JC 2:5-11

Phil. 2:7c *and being made in the likeness of men.*

ἐν ὁμοιωμάτι αὐθρώπων γενόμενος:

~~*and*~~

*add to NASB translation*

*in the likeness*

EN HOMOIMA - similarity quality, character

*of men*

ANTHROPOS - man character, nature, quality

*being made*

GINWMAI - part aor mid to become, to change



**become**

*time  
space  
location  
senses  
knowledge  
power  
glory*

**Jesus Christ becomes limited**

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Phil. 2:7d *Being found in appearance as a man,*  
kai«schmati euteqeib wß a#qrwpoß

--- KAI - and, even, also

*in appearance* SCHEMA - (schematic) pattern, blueprint,

*Being found* HEURISKW - part aor pass to find, to discover



**2147. εὕρισκω heurisko; a prim. vb.:** *to find:* —find (48), finding(9), finds(10), found(104), get(1), obtained(1), proved(1), regarded(m)(1).

first hand examination reveals (33yrs of living on earth)

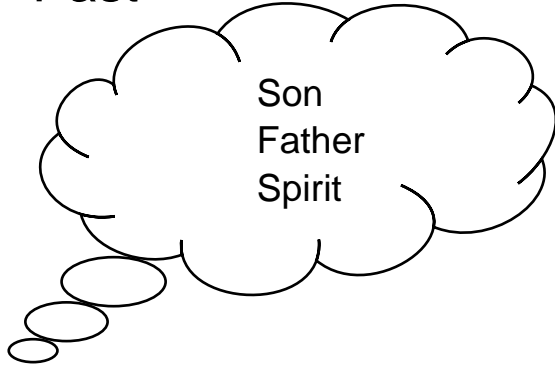
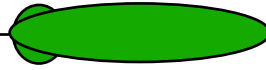
*as a man* HOS ANTHROPOS - as, like, similar man/character,nature,quality

# Jesus Christ is truly human, mortal

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1. Having taken

SUBORDINATE

2. Having become

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3. Being found

HUMANITY

Phil. 2:8a *He humbled Himself,*

etapeinōwsen eáuton

*He humbled*

TAPEINOW - to ....

*Phil. 2:8; 4:12*

*Himself*

AUTOS - acc m.s. he

*voluntary action*  
*voluntary object*

*NO ONE forced Jesus Christ to act, to subordinate, to suffer for us*

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Phil. 2:8b ... *by becoming obedient* ...

γενόμενος ὑπακούσας

*by becoming* GINWMAI - par aor mid to become, change

How can God change He is immutable

Jesus changed *Heb. 5:7-8 "In the days" or Luke 2:40*

*obedient* HUPW + AKOUW - adj. to hear + under, obedience  
*Acts 7:39; 2Cor. 2:9; Phil. 2:8*

Phil. 2:8c ... *to the point of death, even death on a cross.*  
meeri qanaʒou, qanaʒou de«staurouv

*to the point of* MECHRI - until, as far as, to the extent

*death* THANATOS - separation (physical or spiritual ?)

*even* DE - mild contrastive continuative

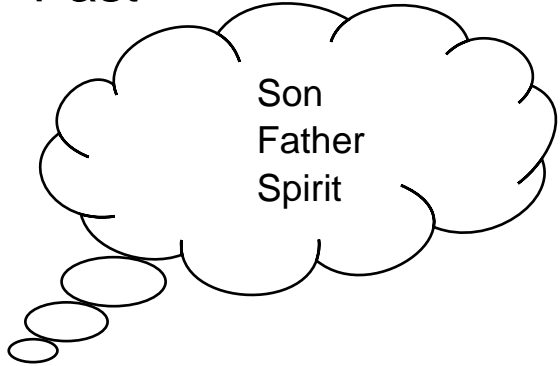
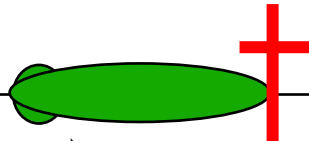
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*on a cross.* STAUROS - cross symbol of humiliation,  
criminal retribution

(of) cross / character, quality, nature

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- 1. Having taken SUBORDINATION/OBEDIENCE
- 2. Having become LIMITED
- 3. Being found HUMANITY

# KENOSIS = INCARNATION

## USAGE OF PHRASES IN THE GOSPELS

	The Son of the Man	The Kingdom of the Heavens	The Son of God	The Kingdom of God		Christ	Jesus
Matthew	31	32	6	5	King	16	152
Mark	14	0	3	14	Servant	7	82
Luke	26	0	6	32	Humanity	12	88
John	12	0	8	2	Diety	19	244

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