

GOD INCARNATE

Philippians 2: 1 - 11



ἐκένωσεν (ekenōsen) emptied

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he **made himself nothing** by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

v. 6 + 7

God incarnate 

ἐκένωσεν (ekenōsen) emptied

“God lets himself be pushed out of the world on to the cross. He is weak and powerless in the world, and that is precisely the way, the only way, in which he is with us and helps us. The bible directs us to God’s powerlessness and suffering; only the suffering God can help.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

God incarnate 

ὕπῆκοος (hupékoos) obedient

“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient** to death — even death on a cross!”

v. 8

God incarnate 

ὑπήκοος (hupékoos) highly exalted

“Therefore God **exalted him** to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

v. 9 - 11

God incarnate 

emptied, obedient, exalted

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

V. 3 - 5

God incarnate 

surrender to God's humbling

follow God's call where you are

trust that God will lift you up

EMPTIED

OBEDIENT

EXALTED

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