

Living w/ One Another
in the Light of Jesus
- The Great Descent -

Philippians 2:6-11

in the light of Jesus as
God

in the light of His Descent
- the Kenosis -

kenosis = no reputation
(NKJV)

literally means “emptied”

Was He emptied of
being God?

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Jesus Christ the same yesterday
today and forever....Heb 13:8

He emptied Himself of
His rightful glory.

Four Attributes of the Emptying

1. taking the form of a servant
2. coming in the likeness of men
3. humbled Himself in obedience to death on the cross

what did this mean for
the Philippians

that this suffering and mature
church (for the most part)
may have to follow Jesus all
the way into death.

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 2 Cor. 8:1-5

What was the Purpose?

Phil. 2:15

15 that you may become blameless
and harmless, **children** of God
without fault in the midst of a crooked
and perverse generation, among
whom you **shine as lights** in the world,
16 holding fast the word of life, so that I
may rejoice in the day of Christ that I
have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Jesus' Descent
started as a child

a new born babe literally
has no reputation

51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was **subject** to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

Luke 2:51

Jesus Earthly Ministry

Service = good works

Service = teaching

this would
have been
good enough
for the
religions of the
world



Mark 10:45

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

he came to die



How and Why

Eph 1:5-6 having
predestined us to adoption
as sons by Jesus Christ to
Himself, according to the
good pleasure of His will, 6 to
the praise of the glory of His
grace, by which He made us
accepted in the Beloved.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have
redemption **through His
blood**, the forgiveness
of sins, according to the
riches of His grace

That is the why...
what about the how?

Eph 1:13

In Him you also trusted,
after you heard the word
of truth, the gospel of your
salvation; in whom also,
having believed, you were
sealed with the Holy Spirit
of promise,

Summary

1. Jesus came as one of us
2. Jesus came as a bondslave
3. Jesus emptied out His life
for ours

This emptied out life
was about a “pursuit”
and an “attraction.”

El Elyon - God Most High



Descended...

Why?

To fully reveal Himself
His light and....

all for love

John 1:18

No one has seen God at
any time. The only
begotten Son, who is in
the bosom of the Father,
He has declared Him.

(exegeomai)

a description fo this in
John's letter

1 John 1:5

This is the message
which we have heard
from Him and declare
to you, that God is light
and in Him is no
darkness at all

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Jesus came
in the Form of God
in Light and Love

How this works in the
sharing of the gospel

the Light:

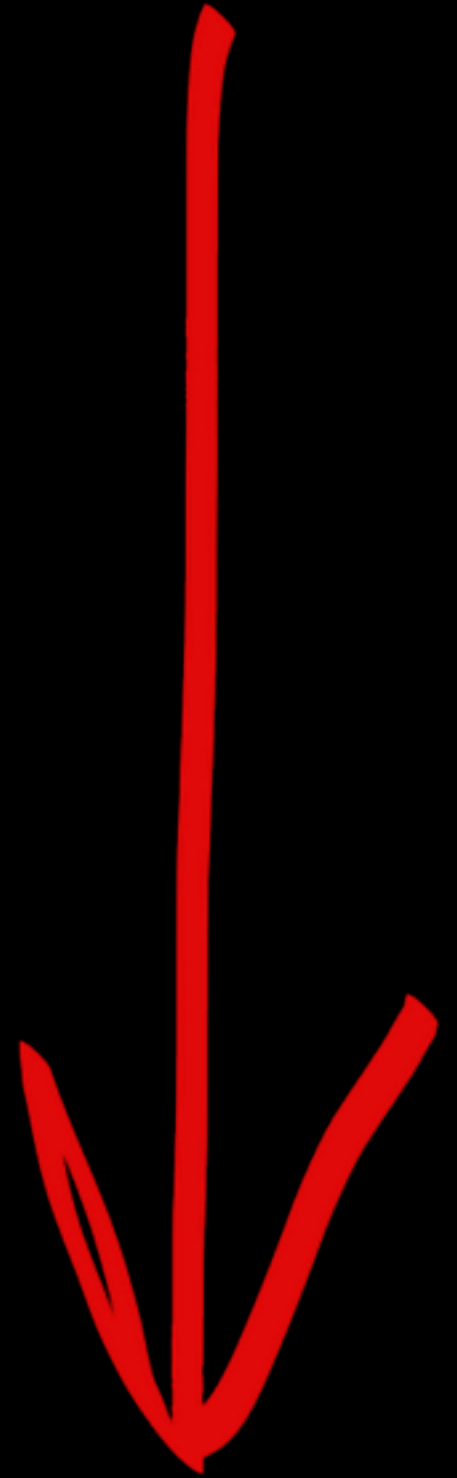
19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” John 3

the Love comes 1st

and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

the full exegeomai
is LOVE

all the way to
the grave...



In light of Jesus

1. in the form of God

2. the emptied out bondslave