

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON

A. In the Godhead

11 - The Lord (2)

✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- Phil. 2:6 - Who, **existing** in the form of God, **did not consider** being **equal with God** a treasure to be grasped,
- Phil. 2:7 - But **emptied** Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the **likeness of men**;
- Phil. 2:8 - And being found in fashion as a man, He **humbled** Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, and *that* the death of a cross.

✚ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

❖ The Lord **came out** of His **divine form**.

- **Being** God is His **original position**
 - Concerning His **deity**, the Lord was **equal** with God
 - The **deity** of the Lord Jesus is something that is **based on what He is**.
- **Being made** the Lord is something that **happened** after He **emptied** Himself in His deity.
 - His **being the Lord** was something **given** to Him by God.
 - His attainment of the **position of Lord** is **based on what He has done**.
- He **laid aside** His divine form to fully maintain the **principle of submission**
 - and subsequently ascended to the heavens,
 - and God **accorded** to Him the **position of Lord**
 - This lordship was **not originally** present in the Godhead.

❖ The **birth** of the Lord is the **coming forth** of God.

- God's authority **cannot be** built upon the angels or upon the descendants of Adam.
- **In the Godhead** there was a harmonious **decision** that authority would be established first within the Godhead.
 - **From that time on**, there was a **distinction** in operation of the **Father** and the **Son**.
 - **One day** the **Son** willingly emptied Himself to **become** a created **man** as the representation of submission to authority.
 - **It was** the **creature** that had rebelled, **therefore**, only the **submission** of a creature could **establish** God's authority.
 - **This is why** the Lord had to **come to the earth** to **become** a **man** and to be the same as a creature in every way.
 - He **did not retain** His authority by being God.
 - **Rather**, He **took up** human restrictions by **becoming** a **man**, even the restriction of a **slave**.

✚ SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):

- ✚ The Lord **laid aside** His divine form to fully maintain the **principle of submission** and subsequently ascended to the heavens, **God accorded to Him the position of Lord**. **Based on Himself**, He is God. **Based on His attainment**, He is Lord.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 23, point 11)

(Authority and Submission, chap 5, part 2)

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