

## Philippians 2:1-11 GAH

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I appeal to you in Christ: if there is anything that will stimulate you, any persuasion of love, any inner affection, or compassion, by all of your participation in the Spirit - make my joy full by having one mindset, united in heart love and conviction. Never act out of envy or self-promotion! In humility give preference to others before yourself. Heed others' interests before your own. Have that mindset in yourselves as in Christ Jesus: though existing originally in the nature of God, he did not consider clinging to oneness with God a goal, but he poured himself out; taking the nature of a slave and sharing in humanity, being in every aspect a man. Then, being in human nature he subordinated himself to the extent of death – even death on a cross. At this God exalted him on high, and endowed him with that name above all names; so that at the name of “Jesus” every knee will bow, in the heaven, on earth, and beneath - and every tongue proclaim: “Jesus Christ is Lord!”, to the glory of God the Father.

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1. The Greek word: “morphe” – occurs only in this text in all of the New Testament
  - a. Traditional translations use “form” as the English. From usage in Plato or Aristotle
  - b. Recent discoveries show its meaning closer to essence or glory
2. The word: “kenosis” – is very rare –
  - a. Romans 4:14; I Corinthians 1:17, 9:15; 2 Corinthians 9:3; and our text
  - b. ΚΕΝΩΩ *make empty*; (1) literally *remove the content of* something; (2) figuratively; (a) as taking away the effectiveness of something *deprive of ... to make invalid*, taking away of status or position *empty, he took an unimportant position*

## Philippians 2:5-11 NASB

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.