

Jesus Christ has always existed along with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus carried out the creation of the Heavens and the Earth from the beginning. He appeared in the flesh and then died on the Cross as willed by the Father. He chose to surrender His privileges of the Deity to serve the Father, but He was still God in the flesh.

- 1 John 1:1-3 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Phil 2:6-8 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.
- Col 1:15-22 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

Discussion Item 1: *What did Jesus surrender when He “made Himself nothing?”*

Discussion Item 2: *How do you model yourself after Jesus as a servant to God?*

Life Application: *Identify an area in your life where you can become a servant to one or more people and become more like Jesus Christ.*

Helpful Definition:

fellowship - With God, consisting in the knowledge of his; agreement with his designs; mutual affection; enjoyment of his presence; conformity to his image; and participation of his felicity (2) Of saints with one another, in duties; in ordinances; in grace, love, joy, mutual interest, spiritual and temporal; in sufferings; and in glory. (Easton)

Notes:

The perfect man (Jesus) who was without sin, died the most shameful death for you and me.

Proverb 3:19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;

Psalms 146:6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,