

Romans 1:20

*“For since the creation of the world*

*God’s invisible qualities—*

*His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”*

*Philippians # 27*

*“Having the Mind of Christ”*

**Part 4 The God-Man in Hypostatic Union and Kenosis**

*Philippians 2:5-8*

*Isaiah 53:2b-5*

*“Although no other person is the object of more Scriptural revelation, human pens falter when attempting to describe Him.”*

**John Walvoord**

**The greater our understanding of God, the more amazed we are at the Incarnation.**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim*

*good news to the poor. He has sent Me*

*to proclaim freedom for the prisoners*

*and recovery of sight for the blind,*

*to set the oppressed free...” Luke 4:18*

**In the person of Jesus Christ, God-Man, are two natures inseparably united;**

**the first is God, undiminished deity, the second is true limited humanity;**

**both without mixture or loss of separate identity.**

Jesus Christ the God-Man is different from God in that He is man and different from man in that He is God.

**Jesus Christ is eternal God, coequal with the Father and Holy Spirit and His deity was**

**never diminished at any time during the incarnation, nor because of the Hypostatic**

**Union.**

When God the Father gave the spark of life to Jesus Christ, it’s the only time when human life and spiritual life occurred simultaneously at birth.

The attributes of His humanity remain the attributes of His humanity and the attributes of His deity remain the attributes of His deity but He is One person with two natures inseparably united forever.

So, during the incarnation, Jesus Christ could be omnipotent and weak, omniscient and ignorant, simultaneously.

Jesus Christ Himself, from the free-will of His deity, known as sovereignty, made a decision to become true humanity and the greatness of this decision can never be overemphasized because our very existence, our salvation and our eternal future are based on this decision.

Absence of the definite article in the Greek emphasizes the high quality of our Lord’s slavery, the highest quality servant in all of history.

The essential difference between

Jesus Christ and all other members of the human race, was His impeccability; He is the highest quality from the standpoint of Kenosis and impeccability.

**Jesus Christ voluntarily took on the form of mankind in order to redeem man from sin, reconcile man to God and satisfy the integrity of the Father.**

In fulfilling the mission of the

First Advent, Jesus Christ did not exercise His divine attributes to benefit Himself, provide for Himself or glorify Himself.

To rob light of its various colors would change the character of light and to rob God of any attribute would compromise His deity.

The glory of Jesus Christ was veiled but never surrendered.

During the First Advent, Jesus Christ gave up the independent use of certain divine attributes in living among men with their human limitations.

**Jesus Christ did not exercise His divine attributes for His own benefit or His own glory and He did not give up His deity but He gave up the independent use of His deity.**

Jesus Christ voluntarily took upon Himself the form of a servant in order to redeem man from sin to satisfy God the Father and reconcile man to Him.

It was a humiliation for undiminished deity to be in union with true humanity, even though it was impeccable and perfect humanity.

This is His humiliation; His humanity was His humiliation and His humiliation was His humanity.

**"Humbled" gathers the humiliation of Jesus Christ on the cross into one entirety but considers it from the standpoint of its results: spiritual death, where Jesus was judged for our sins and provided our salvation.**

Jesus Christ resisted every temptation and every type of sin that ever came to Him; all of it and suddenly every sin ever committed from Adam and Eve to the end of time was poured out on Him; His humiliation for you.

Recognition of the Father's authority led to the action of our Lord bearing our sins on the cross; the action of redemption, reconciliation and propitiation.

The believer in growing up spiritually, is always in danger of rebellion.