

Have This Mind Among Yourselves
Philippians 1:27-2:11





- Mark 10:13-16 (ESV) 13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.



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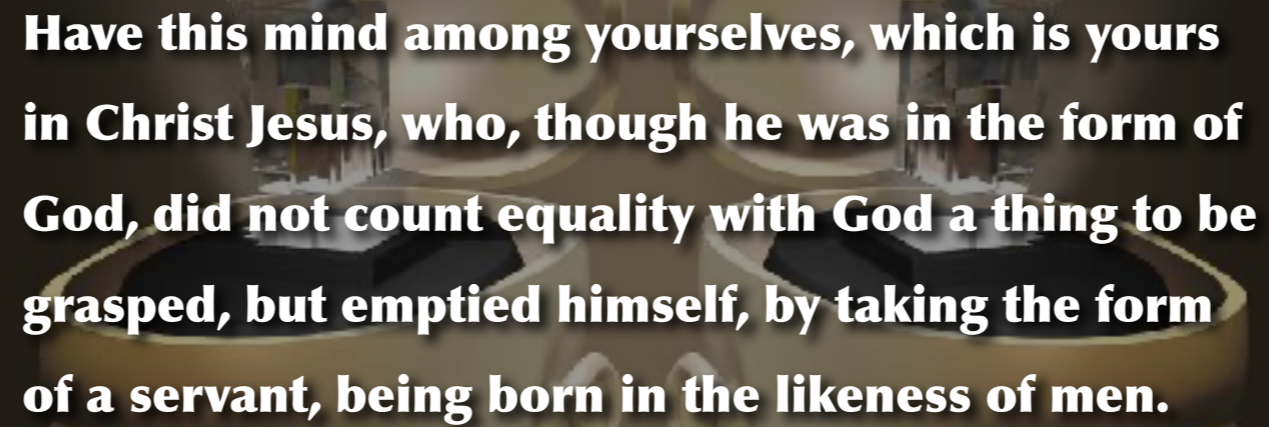


- Luke 7:36-50
 - The self-righteous pharisee
 - The sinful woman
- Both!

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- Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
 - Matthew 12:18-20
- 42:7: blind, prisoners, in darkness
- 42:22: plundered, looted, trapped in holes, hidden in prisons
- 42:24: sinned, would not walk, would not obey
- 43:8: blind, deaf
- 43:22: weary of me
- 43:24: sins, iniquities
- The people who needed his help the most, but deserve it least.



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- form is the essence, or nature: who one really is.

Christ Jesus

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(equality with God)

Philippians 2:5-8

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 - John 1:1-2 (ESV) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.
 - Hebrews 1:3 (ESV) 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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(equality with God)

not grasped
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Philippians 2:5-8

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 - ESV footnote: “held on to for advantage”
 - Jesus didn’t cling to his deity, his majesty, his sovereignty
 - “I’m god ... who are these puny mortals. Why should I do anything for them?”

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- 7 but emptied himself
- What does this mean?
 - Did he empty himself of his deity?
 - How could he if that's his essential nature?
 - Matthew 1:23 (ESV) 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).



- Transfiguration:

- 2 Peter 1:16-18 (ESV) 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

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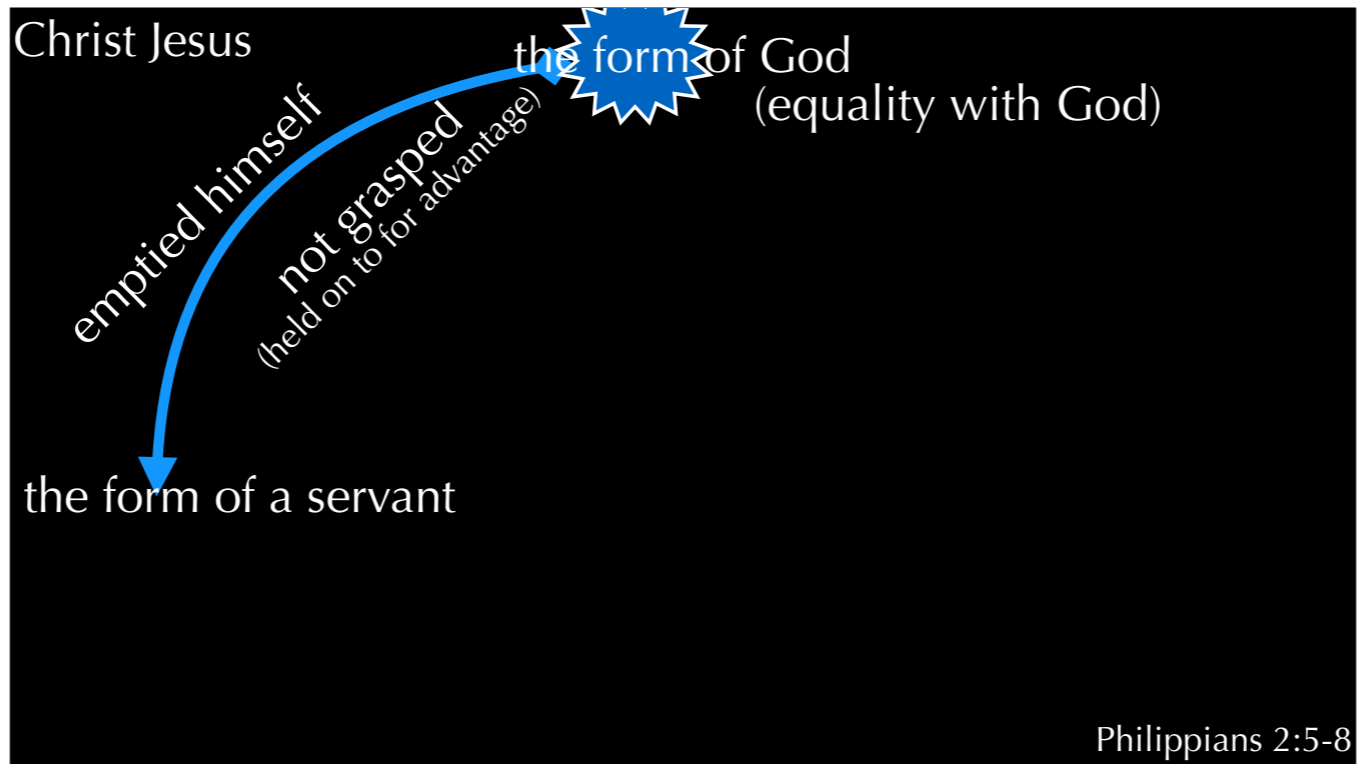
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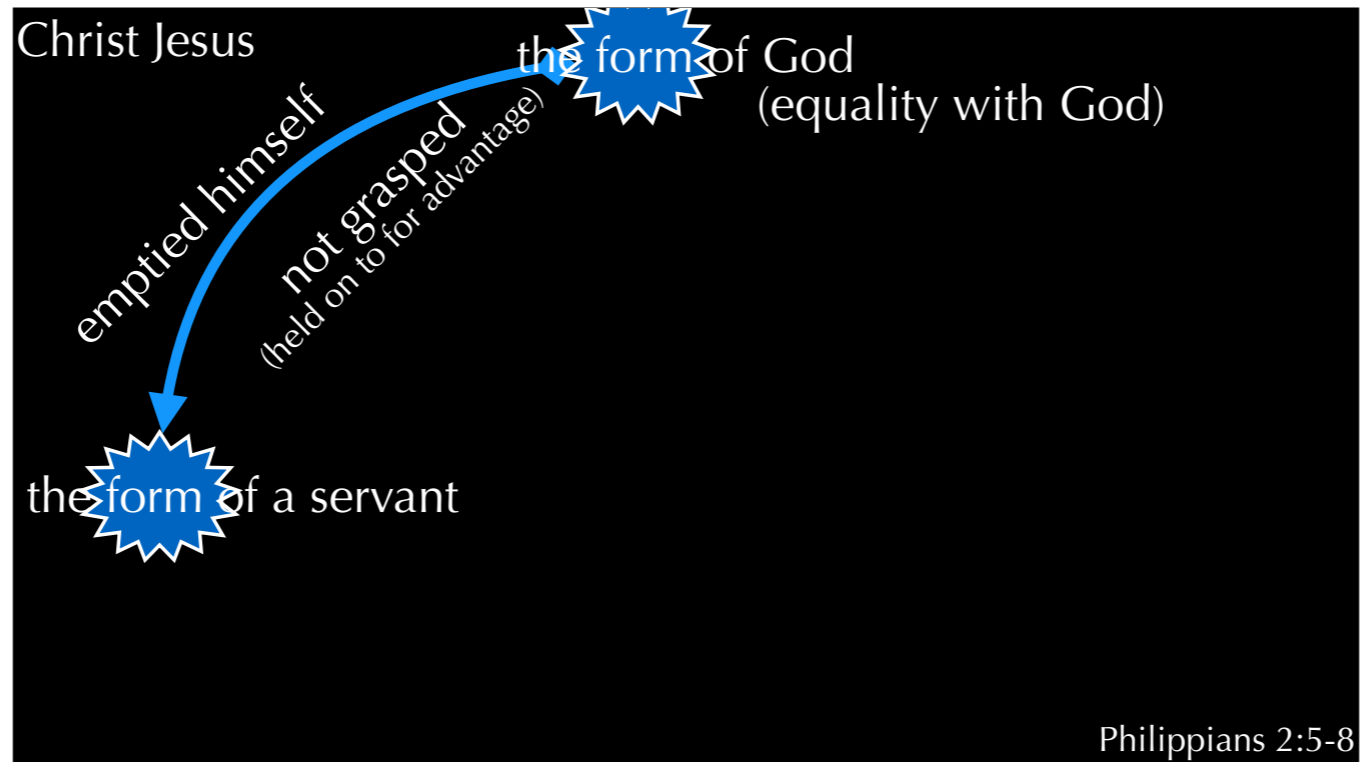
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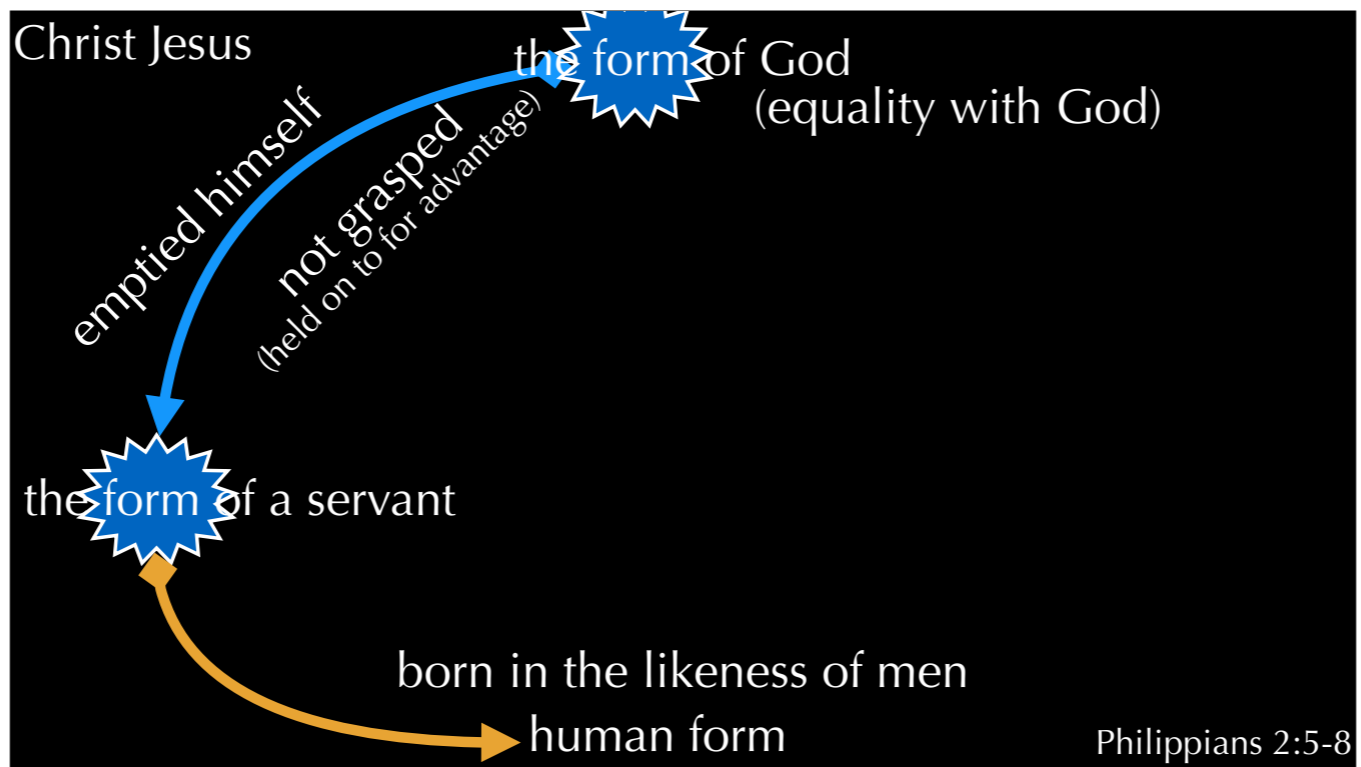
- What did he empty himself of?
 - This is where we have tricked ourselves with our own language?
 - He emptied himself of “self”.
 - He chose to not be about himself.



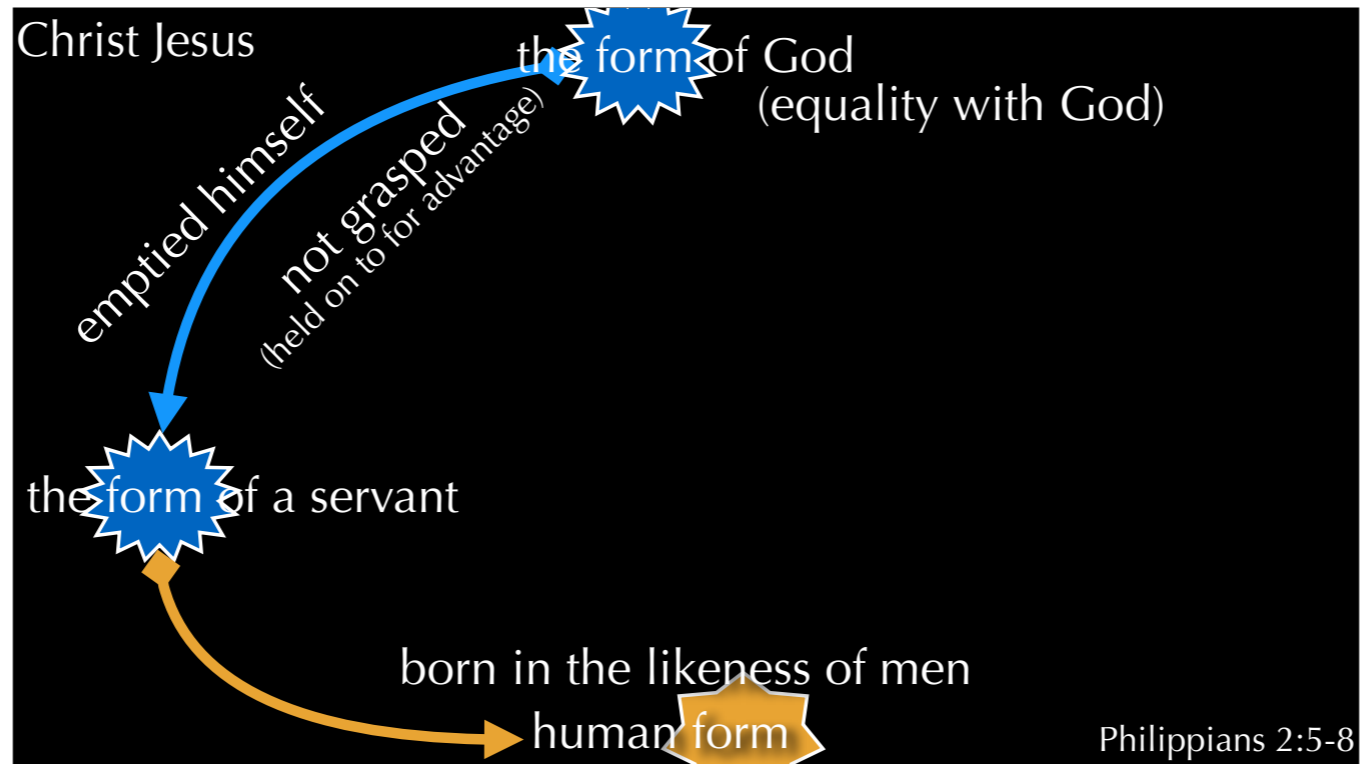
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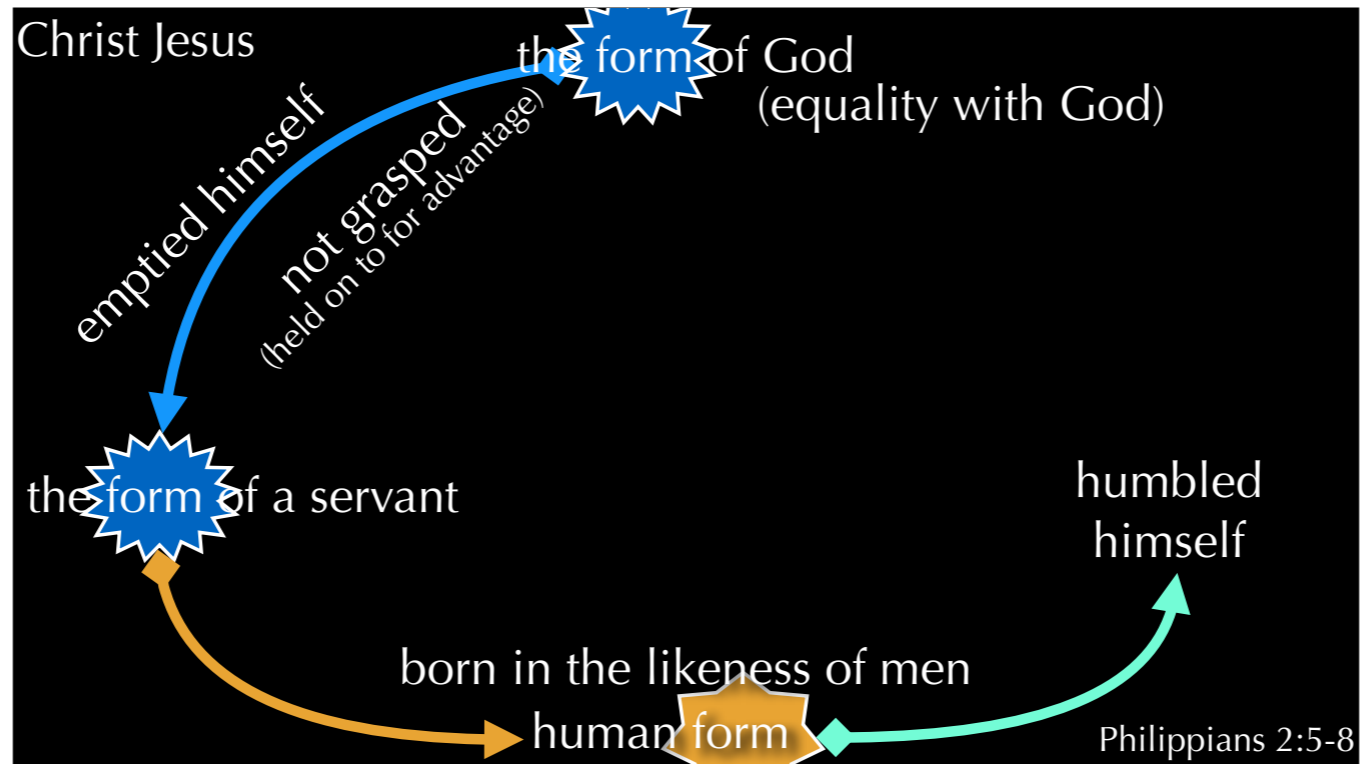
- taking the form of a servant
 - This form is the same greek word used in prior expression: form of God”
 - The essential nature of Jesus is that of a servant!
 - He is the ultimate servant.



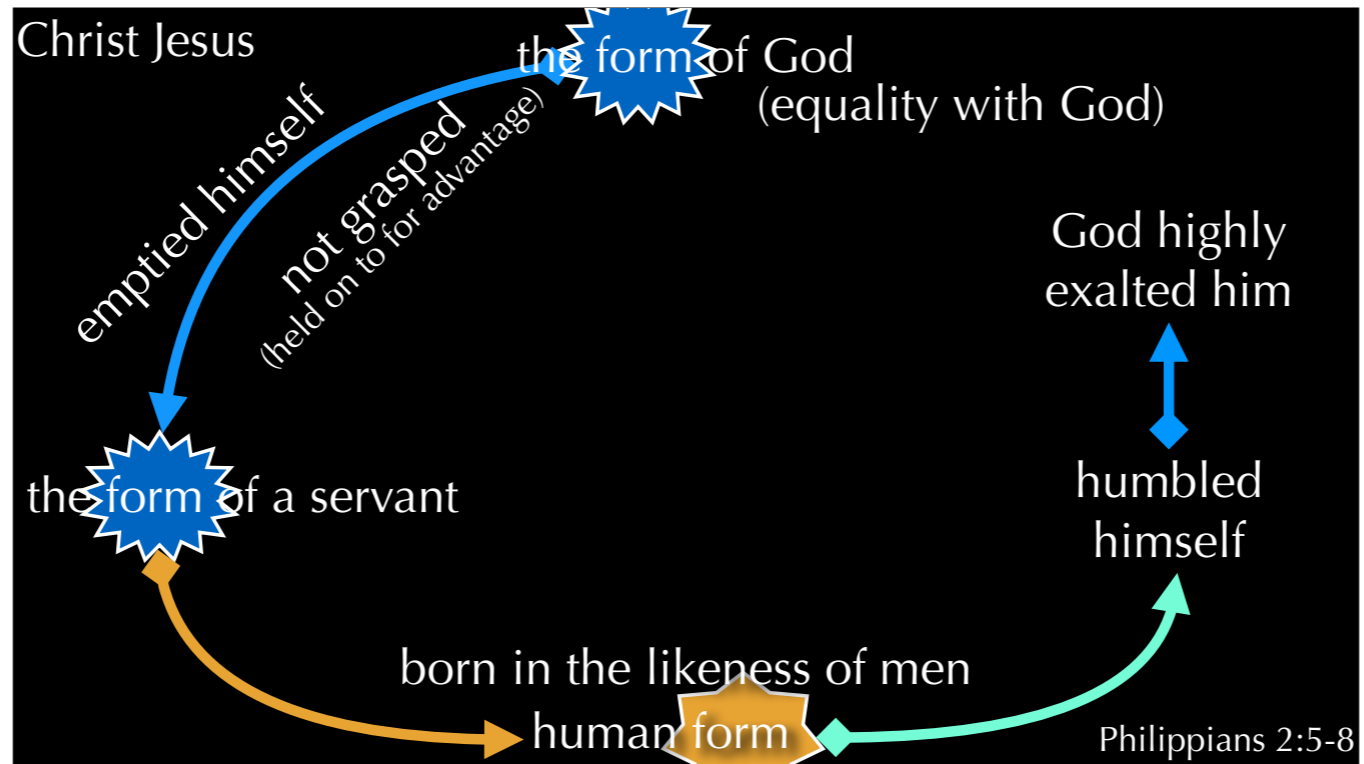
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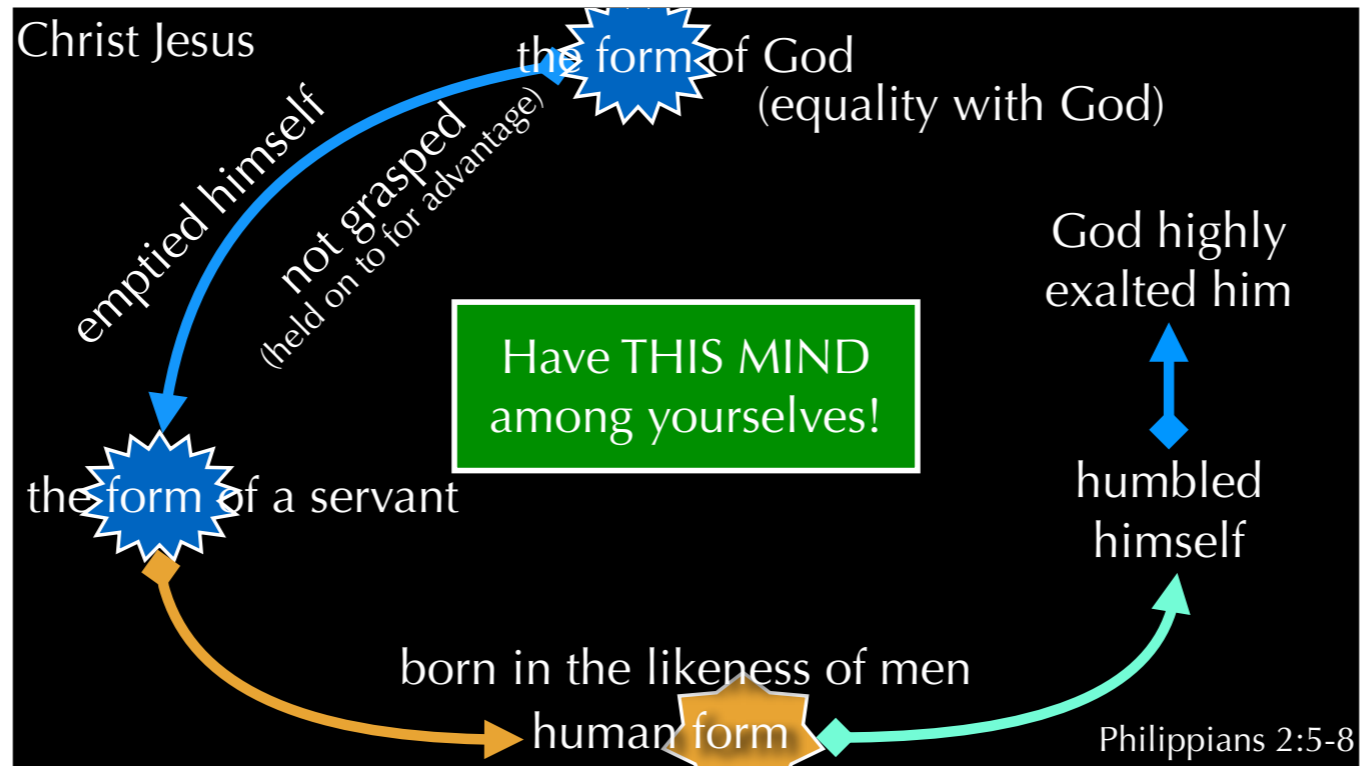
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- This word form is a different greek word: emphasizes the outward appearance.
- Jesus was born as a human, human in every way.
 - Hebrews 2:14-15 (ESV) 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.



- he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- Who did he humble himself to?
 - Before God, certainly, his plan to save all.
 - But he humbled himself for each of us: saving sinners, blind, deaf, rebellious, prisoners
 - He did this not for the best of us, but for the worst of us.



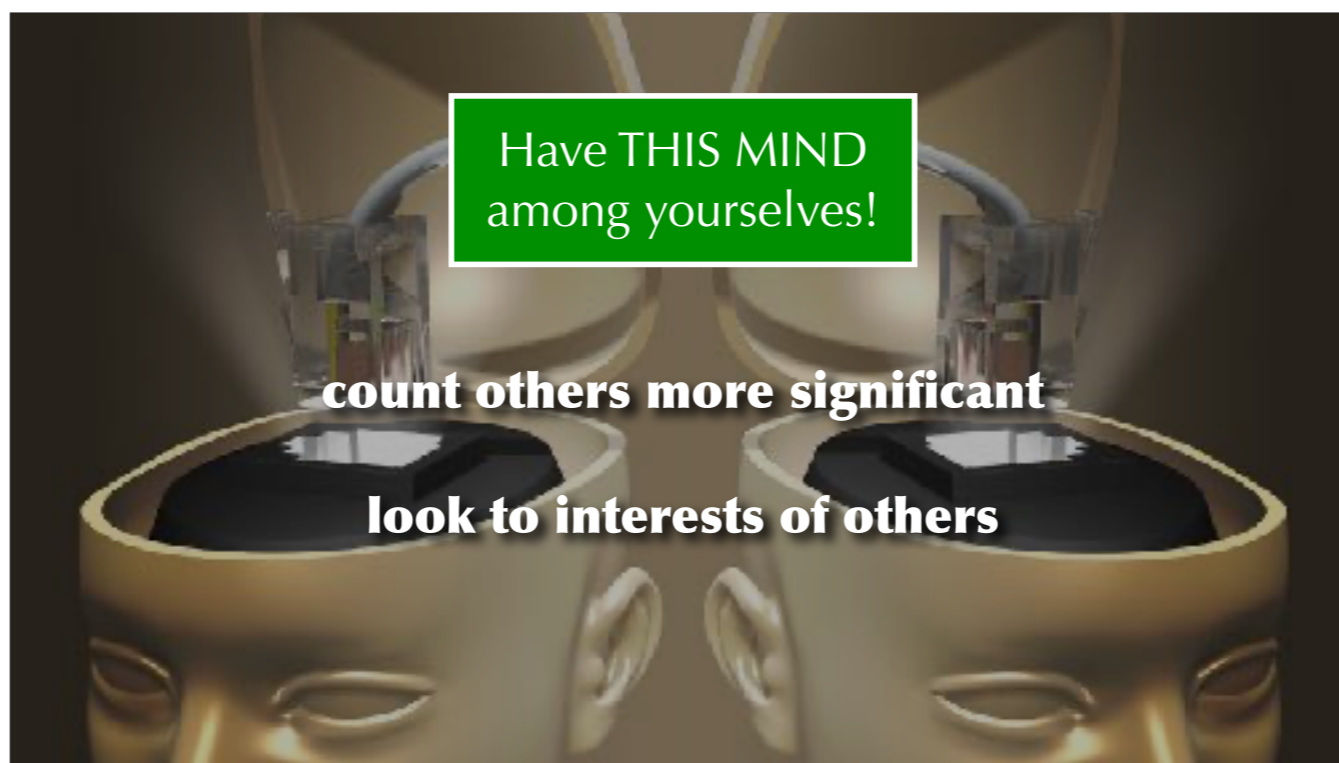
- Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV) 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- Jesus didn't, at any point, exalt himself.
- He waited for the Father to exalt him.



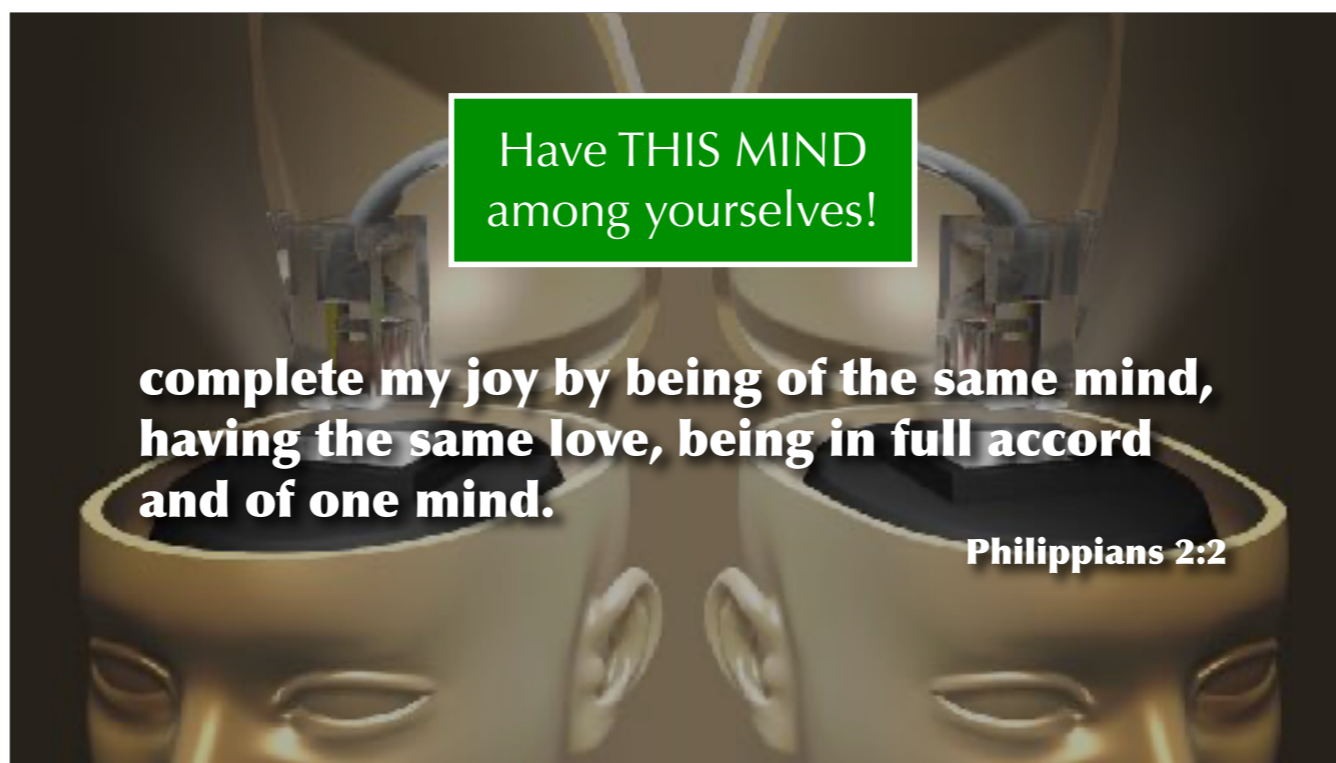
- Philippians 2:5-7 (ESV) 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
 - Attainable!



- We must not try to hold out our image of ourselves, no matter how great or lowly we are, that we above our brethren and that they are not worthy of our attention, help.
- We must become servants at our very core: the essence of who we are.
 - And humble ourselves
 - Both before God
 - And others brethren, world
 - Not only for the best, but for the worst.
 - We must beware of the temptation to self-exaltation (even if in our own head)



- Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV) 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- Do we think of these two things too casually?
 - Most likely
 - Consider how these are expressed in the coming of Jesus.
 - Did Jesus count others as more significant?
 - Was Jesus concerned about your interests?
 - (eternal! even I don't think about it)



- Philippians 2:2 (ESV) 2 complete my joy by being of the same **mind**, having the same love, being in full accord and of one **mind**.
- Live in harmony with one another: Romans 12:16
- The same mind, the one mind, is the mind of Christ: a humble servant!
 - This is the key: I must have this mind or we can never live in harmony.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: For us to be for the same mind, and live in harmony, we must take time to think clearly and deeply about the example Jesus gave us of being a humble servant for others.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”