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Pastor And Sis. McKinney along with the CAC Church Family, would like to thank you for choosing to worship the Lord with us today.

We hope you find your visit informative and inspirational and one that will keep you coming back. We are actively involved in our community and surrounding areas with the goal of reaching the lost, the hurting, and the backslider with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With the lassitude and inconsistency of our day, CAC wants to challenge you to rise above anonymity. We want to help you grow and understand the realness of serving Jesus. We want to offer you the opportunity to have your life changed forever.

Drop us an email and let us know how you enjoyed your visit.

We hope to see you in future services!

When God Emptied Himself

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant,

and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Reputation is a word that most of us relate to either in reference to a “good name” or “our overall character as seen or judged by others”. Reputations can be good and reputations can be bad. Overall, most of us want to have a good reputation.

The Greek Word for reputation in verse 7 is κενόω kenoō; which means: to make empty. The ASV version says this of verse 7, “but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men;”

Jesus looked like a man and talked like a man, but Jesus was so much more than a man! A great revelation is found in these verses. God (John 1:1, 14) became a man (Philippians 2:7) so He could offer Himself as a sacrifice once and for all (Hebrews 9:28). And in order to help us understand this, we see that God didn’t appear in the New Testament in a burning bush or cloud by day and fire by night like He did in the Old Testament, but he came in the form of a servant, in the likeness of men.

This is why many folks in Jesus’ day had a hard time believing He was God and this is why so many people today have a hard time believing Jesus is God—they can’t understand the emptying—the servant—the flesh—being made in the likeness of men.

In order to understand why there had to be no reputation (emptying), we have to look at the word “form”, mentioned twice in the opening verses, “...form of God...” and “...form of a servant...” Let’s compare this to what we find in Isaiah 46:5 which says, “To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like”? Since there is none equal to Him, we can now see why He had to empty Himself to take on the form of a servant, made in the likeness of men and being found in fashion as a man.

Do you want to be a servant of Jesus Christ? Do you want a change in your life? Are you willing to lay down your will so you can do His Will? Are you willing to give up who you are to become who He wants you to be? You can’t be both--Are you willing to empty yourself?

