

The God-Man: Jesus Christ

- 1) Jesus Left the Glory of Heaven
- 2) Jesus Came in the Likeness of Men

The Self-Emptying of Christ

- 1) It does not mean that Christ ceased from being God

John 20:31

“But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

John 5:17

“My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”

John 8:58

“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”

John 10:30

“I and the Father are one.”

John 20:28

“My Lord and my God!”

Colossians 1:15

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

Colossians 1:19

“For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him.”

Colossians 2:9

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.”

The Self-Emptying of Christ

- 1) It does not mean that Christ ceased from being God
- 2) It does not mean that Christ gave up all His Divine Attributes

The Attributes of Deity

- 1) Omnipotence

John 2:11

“This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested *His* glory, and the disciples believed in *Him*.”

Matthew 8:27

“What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

The Attributes of Deity

- 1) Omnipotence
- 2) Eternity

Luke 10:18

“And He said to them, ‘I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.’”

Revelation 22:13

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

The Attributes of Deity

- 1) Omnipotence
- 2) Eternity
- 3) Sovereignty

Matthew 11:27

“All things have been handed over to me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

The Attributes of Deity

- 1) Omnipotence
- 2) Eternity
- 3) Sovereignty
- 4) Omniscience

Mark 2:8

“Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves said to them, ‘Why are you reasoning these things in your hearts?’”

John 1:47-48

“Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, ‘Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael said to Him, ‘How do you know me?’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.’”

John 1:49

“Nathanael answered Him, ‘Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.’”

John 2:23-25

“Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.”

John 4:17-18

“The woman answered and said, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.’”

John 6:64

“But there are some of you who do not believe. For Jesus knew from the beginning who there were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.”

John 16:30

“Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God.”

John 21:17

“Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.”

C.G. Moule

“Whatever is meant by the ‘made Himself void’, which describes His Incarnation here, one thing it could never possibly mean – a ‘kenosis’ which could hurt or distort His absolute fitness to guide and bless us whom He came to save. That (emptying) placed Him indeed on the creaturely level in regard of the reality of human experience of growth, and human capacity for suffering. But never for one moment did it, could it, make Him other than the absolute and infallible Master and Guide of His redeemed.”

The Self-Emptying of Christ

- 1) He Left the Glory of Heaven

II Corinthians 8:9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”

The Self-Emptying of Christ

- 1) He Left the Glory of Heaven
- 2) He Let Go of His Perfect and Unhindered Fellowship with the Father

The Self-Emptying of Christ

- 3) He was Limited by a Physical Body
- 4) He Laid Aside the Independent Use of His Divine Attributes

Mark 6:5

“And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.”

Matthew 27:52-53

“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?’”

John 5:19

“Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.’”

John 5:30

“I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

The Self-Emptying of Christ

- 3) He was Limited by a Physical Body
- 4) He Laid Aside the Independent Use of His Divine Attributes
- 5) He Came in the Likeness of Men