

Part 2

The Mindset of the Eternal Christ

Philippians 2:5-7

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

John 1:1-3, 10

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

John 17:5, 24

5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

Colossians 1:15-16

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

Hebrews 1:2-3

2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Message notes:

Jesus didn't just become Jesus at His _____.

_____ - the form of God, the same essence or being.

_____ you can say about Jesus, you can say about God.

In creation, the Holy Spirit had a role, and _____ had a role.

Jesus's equality with God isn't something He has to fight for, it is _____.

Christ before Christmas is God—the _____ of everything.

There was _____ a time that Christ didn't exist.

When you see who Christ was, it _____ His mindset.

Christ was on the throne _____ creation and _____ creation.

Discussion Questions:

Why didn't Christ have to "fight for" equality with God?

Why is it important to understand that Jesus was God before His birth?

How does it change your view of Jesus to see Him with God the Father at creation?

Are there any differences between God and Jesus? Why is this important?

What does it say about Christ's mindset that He would step off the throne and into creation?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone struggling with feeling connected to Christ?

Does anyone need prayer for weights or burdens they have been carrying this week?