



Week 2 How does 1+1=1?

Kenosis - An uncommon word that appears in Philippians 2:5-7 [To deprive of content/release possession]

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:"

Jesus faced down death not solely as God but also as man. He had to be both to truly defeat death.

Because Jesus was fully God... John 1:1-4 & 14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

Three reasons He had to be fully God.

- 1. Authority** - His teaching, commands, and power had to come from God. He never refused worship.
- 2. Ability** - Things he knew, predicted, and his miracles demonstrated his deity. He never did a single miracle to make his own life easier.
- 3. Atonement** - He could only forgive you and me because he was God. Only the offended party can grant forgiveness.

Because Jesus was fully man... Hebrews 12:17-18 & Hebrews 4:14-16

"For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest... Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Three reasons why he had to be fully man.

- 1. Example** - We know how to relate and live by faith in God because of his example.
- 2. Empathy** - We know that he understands our hunger, thirst, weariness, and disappointment.
- 3. Execution** - To defeat death he had to physically die so that he could be raised.

As God he is human, as human he is God. He did this for us. His deity plus his humanity equals all God.