



WEAR LOVE

1. _____ is the concrete example of verses 1-4 in action.

[1] So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, [2] complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [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. [5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...

Colossians 3 [12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

2. The Creator _____ and Jesus are the very same. ...who, though he was in the form of God...

3. Jesus gave up the _____ he would have as God to become as real of a human as you and I are.

...did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, [7] but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men....

"He set aside the legitimate and natural desires and prerogatives of deity."

4. Jesus humbled Himself _____.

[8] And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

John 1:9–11 [9] The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. [10] He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Isaiah 53:12

[12] Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

5. Death is not the master, it's the _____.

[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.

Hebrews 12:2 Jesus... who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

6. The word kenosis means "to _____." "Our Lord emptied Himself of self."

2 Timothy 2:21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

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DIGGING DEEPER

1. Let's talk theology. What is meant by the word, "incarnation?" (If you don't know, look it up at gotquestions.org.)
2. What does it mean that God "took off the mantle of deity?"
 - a. Does that mean Jesus was no longer God?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus humbled himself, rather than be humbled by someone else?
4. How have you *humbled yourself* during this pandemic?
5. Re-read John 1:9-11 and Isaiah 53. What stands out to you about each of these passages?
6. Why do we resist humbling ourselves?
7. Jesus humbled himself to the point of death for the *joy* set before him. What joy has God set before you to make you endure suffering?
8. What does "kenosis" mean? How is this an example for you and I?
9. Pray that we will all model ourselves after our Lord Jesus.