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Book of Philippians

Lesson 13

Jesus Christ-Divinity

Philippians 2:5-8, *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

Jesus Christ is eternally God and He chose to be a human. In the last lesson we saw how Jesus emptied Himself and become a slave by doing this He has role modelled us to be humble?

First we need to understand that Jesus is eternally God. Anyone denies the divinity of Jesus Christ is anti-Christ.

Hebrews 13:8, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Jehovah witness always denies that Jesus Christ is God.

Apostle John clearly warned the Church in his letters that anyone denies that Jesus is the Christ then they are Anti-Christ.

1 John 2:22-23, *Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. ²³Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.*

1 John 4:3, *and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.*

Jude1:4, *For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

What did Jesus leave on come as a human?

1. His Glory
2. His authority
3. His Divine Power/ Will
4. His Personal riches
5. His close relationship with the Father

His Glory:

Even before everything else existed Jesus. John 1:1 says
In the beginning He was there.

John 17:5, *And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.*

Jesus did show the glimpse of His glory when He went to the mount of transfiguration.

Matthew 17:2-3, *and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.*

His Authority:

Jesus completely submitted Himself to the will of the Father.

John 5:19, *Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*

John 5:30, *I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.*

John 6:38, *For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

John 8:28-29, *Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."*

John 12:49-50, *For I have not spoken on My own authority ;but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰ And I know that His command is everlasting*

life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

From the above text we can see clearly that Jesus gave up His own authority and did everything to please His Father.

His Divine Power and Will

Jesus didn't know when He is going to come!

Matthew 24:36 & 42, ³⁶ *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*

⁴² *Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.*

John 10:11, ¹¹ *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*

¹⁵ *As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.*

¹⁷ *“Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it*

down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Matthew 26:39, ³⁹ *He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”*

⁴² *Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”*

His Personal riches

Jesus gave up all His personal riches and He became poor.

2 Corinthians 8:9, *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.*

2 Corinthians 5:21, *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

His close relationship with the Father

Trinity works in perfect harmony. Son glorifies the Father. Father Glorifies Son. Holy Spirit glorifies the Son.

Matthew 27:46, ⁴⁶ *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

Jesus Himself said He is God

John 5:18, ¹⁸ *Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.*

John 10:31-33, ³¹ *Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. ³² Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" ³³ The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."*

When Jesus was speaking to His disciples at the last Passover. Thomas asked Jesus.

In **John 14:5-6**, Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"
⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus responded saying if you have seen Me then you have seen the Father.

John 14:10,¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

John 20:28,²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus is God and He is always but He chose to empty Himself to become a man but He is eternally God.

John 8:58, Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

Conclusion:

Jesus is Lord and God.

Anything denies His divinity is cult.

Jesus did voluntarily left His glory, His authority, His Divine Power, His will and most of all His close relationship with the Father.

So let us learn from Him the meekness in our life.