

**Welcome to: -
Bible House of Grace.**



God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.

**Jesus did Not consider it Robbery
to be
Equal with God.
(Philippians 2:1-8)
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The Bible not only reveals God's eternal Plans, Purposes and Promises,
But also shows how you can know God for yourself.

Teach it, don't demand it.

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The King James Bible says: -

Philip. 2:6-8 ----- ⁶Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

The English Standard Bible: -

- Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (Philip. 2:6-8).

The previous verses show that the context this verse is in is about:-

- Doing nothing through strife, rivalry, conceit and self-exaltation.
- Having the same love and showing mercy to each other.
- Looking not to our own things but esteeming others better than ourselves.
- Doing everything in lowliness of mind.

The context is humility it is about not allowing the mind to exalt itself or get puffed up in pride and looking not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others.

This is the mind Paul is saying we should have and the mind that Jesus had. Christ's mind was one of humbleness, the context of these verses is upon teaching that a believer's mind should be striving for humbleness.

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After John the Baptist baptised Jesus God poured out his Spirit upon him without any limitation. Jesus was filled with God's power, God's Spirit and God's word in all their fullness so in this sense Jesus was in the form of God and could have rightly considered himself equal to God in Spirit, power, mind and purpose it is in this sense Paul is saying Jesus was in the form of God.

Paul is not teaching that Jesus is God in fact he clearly states that Christ was in the form or image of God.

An image or form of a thing is never the thing itself no matter how perfectly it appears to represent the object that it is the image of. Jesus was the perfect reflection of God on earth in every way, but this does not mean that he is God Himself. That is reading into the verse more than what Paul is saying.

Following is a Natural Example of the Same Principle.

When an earthly son reaches an age of maturity and proves to his father that he has all the abilities and skills to take control of his father's multibillion dollar global company that father will then give to his son the authority and power to take over complete control of his entire global empire. That son then has total authority over his father's worldwide business in this sense the son has been made equal with his father.

Obviously this does not mean the son becomes the father, but that he has all the authority and power of his father, having been given all the fathers authority and power this son could easily become puffed up in pride as he has been made equal to his father in status (many human sons do when given such authority and power)

This is what these verses are about, Jesus Christ was given all authority and power of God his heavenly Father, in this sense, he was exalted above all mankind yet he did not allow pride to rear itself up, but remained a humble servant to those he came to save. Christ was equal to God in authority power and purpose, but this does not mean he was God

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