

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Joy in Jesus Christ
Christ Emptied Himself?
Philippians 2:6-7

Truth: Christian joy comes from following the example of Jesus Christ in His incarnation.

1. The meaning of 'emptied Himself'.

"When the Son of God became the Son of Man, He considered all that He was and had, as God, was something He could not continue to hold on to, but set aside certain rights and privileges of deity in His incarnation."

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2. The prerogatives Christ surrendered in His incarnation.

His glory - superior dignity, honor, power, authority, and praise.
John 17:1,5,24

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His face to face fellowship with the Father.
John 1:1 Matthew 27:46

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His independent authority.
Matthew 4:1 John 5:39; 6:38 Matthew 26:39,42

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The exercise of certain divine attributes.
John 2:23-25 Luke 2:52 Mark 13:31-32

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His divine riches.
Luke 9:57-58

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