

WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD

Joy in Jesus Christ

The Form of a Servant, the Appearance as a Man
Philippians 2:7-8

Truth: Christian joy comes in knowing Jesus personally understands our humanity and is our victory in life.

1. Although Jesus Christ is God, He became human.

- He humbled Himself.
- He took the form of a bondservant.
- He came in the likeness of men.
- He was found in appearance as a man.

2. He humbled Himself.

- To willingly lower His estate (position, rank).
- He surrendered His position as Lord of glory to become the slave of God and the servant of men.

3. Taking the form of a bondservant (slave).

- To 'take' - to obtain; receive; possess.
- 'Form' (*morphe*) - to have the same qualities of a slave.

4. Coming in the likeness of men.

- To 'come' (*ginomai*) - to come into being; to become.
- 'Likeness' (*homoioima*) - to be a 'real' something else

5. Being found in appearance as a man.

- 'Being' (*ginomai*) - to come into being; to become.
- 'Apperance' (*schema*) - to look like something.

Have the same attitude yourself that Christ Jesus had, who existing as God in essence, nature, character, and attributes, chose not to exercise to the full extent all He is being God, but possessed the essence, nature, character, and attributes of a slave, became a real human being. And in looking like a real man, He willingly lowered His status by becoming submissive even to death itself (Philippians 2:5-8).

- Galatians 4:4-5
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Leviticus 17:11
- Hebrews 9:22; 10:4
- Hebrews 4:15
