

God's Son—Why Was He Demoted?

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus is the most important person who ever lived.
- B. Text: Philippians 2.
- C. We understand Jesus by understanding where He came from.

II. Jesus was the essence of God.

- A. He was never God's assistant.
- B. He is and always was God. (John 12:41)

III. Jesus' path downward.

- A. He let go of His position.
- B. He emptied Himself voluntarily letting go of the use of His powers.
- C. He became a servant.
- D. He became like a man.
- E. He was obedient to death. This was Jesus' voluntary decision for God.

IV. We are to have the same attitude that Christ did in His demotion.

- A. Humility leads us to unity in the church.
- B. Satan models the opposite attitude trying to climb the ladder. (Ezekiel 28)

Application questions:

1. How would you explain the relationship between Christ's divinity and humanity?

2. How is Christ's taking on humanity a model for us?

3. What are some roadblocks we face with humility? How can we overcome them?
