

## Bow Before Him

**Sunday Morning, December 11, 2016**

If we remember from last week's message, Jesus was sent to be born in Bethlehem at the "precise" time, otherwise known as "the fullness of the time had come," as we read about in Galatians 4:4.

Today, I'd like us to consider **(Col. 1: 19 – 20)**

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

That means that God has revealed Himself permanently through the embodiment or the incarnation of Himself in His Son! Jesus is completely God Almighty in the flesh!

Now Jesus, who is God, forsook His glory in Heaven and humbled Himself for us! Let's look at **(Phil 2: 5–7)**

5 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.

**Vs. 6** – "form" – His inner identity is His Divinity

**Vs. 6** – "equal" – From a negative point without any variation. He was exactly God in the flesh.

Jesus manifested Himself in the fullest character of Himself as God, but not in His full glory.

Being equal with God is not what Jesus would take as a robber taking what is not His, because He is God!

This may be confusing in regards to God the Father, God the Son, & God the Holy Spirit. They are not separate identities, but the same person. For ex. I am a husband, a son & a friend, but I am still one person/me.

Now you may be wondering what this has to do with the birth of Jesus? Just hang on for a bit and we will get there. Now Jesus was not born with pomp or glory, He did not present Himself that way. He emptied Himself from His glory, to be a servant and came in the likeness of men! He made Himself a man!

Not only did God make Himself a man, to reveal Himself to us through Jesus His Son, but also to be the Savior to all those who believe and put their faith in Him, our Creator!

**(Colossians 1: 16 – 17)**

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Greek Word "suistano" – sustain

"Consist" – to be capable of existing

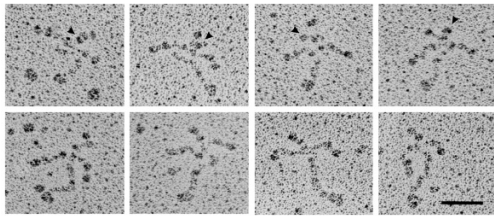
"Stand" – to occupy a place or position

"Exist" – to continue to be or to live

It is through Jesus, our Creator, that all things were created, maintained or held together, to exist in their place or position in all creation.

i.e. The universe, Earth, things and people, like you and I

God gave us a great illustration of this concept of how He holds everything together in the “Laminin”. Laminin are the “cell adhesion molecules”. They are the glue that hold everything together or allows building to go on. Without these “laminin” everything would fall apart, including you and I. Interestingly, sometimes, not every time, these Laminin are shaped like a cross.



They a great reminder of how Christ holds us together and keeps everything in place.

So, as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus during this Christmas Season, let us remember that Jesus created everything and holds all things in its created place! And as our Creator, He is God, who humbly came as a man and servant, without His due pomp and glory, that He might provide a way of redemption from man’s sin, as our Lord and Savior!

Let us echo the praise of heaven’s angelic host:

**(Luke 2:11 & 14)**

11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Jesus is God our Creator, born in the flesh, the Savior to all those who put their faith in Him. For this reason, on Christmas and every day we should bow before Him as our Creator and Sustainer!