

THE REALITY OF CHRISTMAS, Pt 1

Phil. 2: 5-7a

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1) Christmas shows us who Jesus _____

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, Philippians 2:6 (NIV)

- In Very Nature God = Jesus _____

"form" – ASV, ESV, GW, NASB, YLT, KJV

"very nature" (NIV) = μορφή

- Jesus was fully God and could not be _____

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1-2 (ESV)

2) Jesus wasn't concerned with _____

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, Philippians 2:6 (NIV)

who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, Philippians 2:6 (TLB)

Not Grasping = "

- Jesus is a giver and He wants me to _____

3) Jesus emptied Himself so that _____

but made himself nothing...Philippians 2:7a (NIV)

but laid aside his mighty power and glory...Philippians 2:7a (TLB)

"made himself nothing" =

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NIV)

4) I'm called to _____ the reality of Christmas.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV)