

# THE INCARNATION CALLS THE BELIEVER

## PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

BACKGROUND: Please read **Philippians 2:5-7** and **fn 2:5-7** and **Colossians 1:15-20**, and **fn 1:15-16**.

**TO CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE.** Jesus is God, but in the incarnation He gave up some of His privileges and status, demonstrating what our attitude should be. Jesus' heart was always for others, and He did not discriminate in showing His love for all mankind. With Christ in you, you have the power to choose the attitude of thinking of others before yourself. (**Philippians 2:5-6, fn 2:5-11, Philippians 4:2-3, fn 4:2-3, II Corinthians 8:9, fn 8:9**) *Why is your attitude so important?*

**TO TAKE THE NATURE OF A SERVANT.** To have the mindset of Christ is to value others above yourself. Jesus became man not to be served but to serve. (**Philippians 2:7, fn 2:5, Luke 9:23-26, fn 9:23, Matthew 23:11-12, fn 23:11-12, Matthew 20:24-28, fn 20:24, fn 20:28**) *Why is being a servant leader important for your relationship with Jesus?*

**TO HUMBLE YOURSELF.** Jesus, although He was creator of all things and gave life and breath to all, was humbly obedient to the will of the Father even to a cruel death by cruel men. With Christ in you, by faith, you are able to humbly endure difficult people and situations as a witness to your relationship to Jesus. With humility, comes God's grace and His power to endure difficult believers and nonbelievers. (**Philippians 2:8, fn 2:8, Hebrews 2:9-10, fn 2:9-10, I Peter 5:5, fn 5:5, Philippians 2:3-4, fn 2:3, John 17:20-23, fn 17:21-23[1<sup>st</sup>], fn 17:21-23[2<sup>nd</sup>]**) *What is unity among believers based on and how can it be maintained?*

*Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?*