

# Existing in the Form of God

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, **Existing in the Form of God**, thought it not comprehensible to be Equal With God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, **He humbled Himself**, and became **obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-6-8)

**Existing:** from the Greek word *hyparchon* (*huparcho*) which means: **existing**. being, pre-existing, existing-firstly, already-existing, already-being. From *huparcho*: (to begin below or under), to begin, to be ready or at hand, to be, to exist; first to be; to make a beginning. (from *hyparksis*, "under" and αρχε "begin, or go first")

**Form:** ("...being in the form of God...") from the greek word *morph* which means: form, shape, outward appearance. Properly, form (outward expression) that embodies essential (inner) substance so that the form is in complete harmony with the inner essence. In context - not speaking of any sort of physical form or appearance, for God the Father is Spirit; but rather in context: inward spiritual qualities and attributes.

**God:** from the greek word *Theo* which means: God; the Supreme Being who created all things, and owns all things, and sustains all things.

A literal word for word from the original Greek: "... *who existed in form God, not a-seizable-thing considered to-be equally God*" A more proper translation: "...who existed in (the) form (of) God, considered not God equality to-be a-seizable-thing, (i.e. a thing to be grasped with the mind; I.e, a comprehensible thing)"

**Existing in the Form of God:** The context implies that Jesus was pre-existent in the beginning (before God created anything) in the form and nature as God. Jesus, the Son of God, was One with the Father and His Holy Spirit: these three being equally One in God! The pre-existing 'form' of Christ Jesus included all the spiritual qualities and attributes of God the Father. This state of 'Being' and 'Equality' is said to be 'not comprehensible (i.e. not a thing to be fully mentally grasped by mere mortal people).

Consider the following related scriptures:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him; and without **Him** nothing was made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the **Light of men**. And **the Light shines in darkness**; and the darkness did not apprehend it." (John 1:1-5)

"But if our gospel is hidden, it is hidden to those who are lost; in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, lest the Light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, **who is the image of God**, should shine unto them." (2 Corinthians 4:4)

"... giving thanks unto the Father, who has enabled us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son; In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins; **who is the image of the invisible God**, the Firstborn of all Creation. For **in Him were all things created**: things that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created through Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, **and in Him all things consist**." (Colossians 1:12-15-17)

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And again:

"God, ... has in these last days spoken unto us through His Son, whom He has appointed Heir of all Things, and through whom also He made the ages. **Who being the Brightness of His (the Fathers) Glory**, and the **Express Image of His (the Fathers) Person**, and upholding all things by the Word of His Power, when He (Jesus) had **by Himself purged our sins**, He sat down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on High;" (Hebrews 1:1-3)

"John bore witness concerning Him, and cried-out saying, 'He who comes after me is preferred-before me; for **He existed before me**. And of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, (i.e. the Son of God), **who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him**.'" (John 1:15-18)

To understand this attribute of Christ Jesus: ***Existing in the Form of God***, it would help to understand what the actual 'Form' of God is; something which is, perhaps, impossible for us to fully know and comprehend. But, the revealed Word of God has declared to us, to some degree, the nature and 'form' of God. Consider the following:

- God is Spirit (invisible): see John 4:23-24; Genesis 1:2; Colossians 1:15; Luke 24:39; (1 Peter 1:11)
- God is Eternally Immortal: see Deut. 33:27; Psalm 90:1-2; 93:1-2; 1 Timothy 1:17; (John 8:51-59)
- God is Immutable (Never Changing): see Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; (Hebrews 13:8);
- God is One, the Only Supreme Being: see Deut. 6:4; Isaiah 44:6-8, 45:5; 1Cor. 8:4-6; (John 10:24-39)
- God is Omniscient (all knowing, all understanding, all wise): see Psalm 139:2-4; Psalm 147:5; Acts 15:18; 1 John 3:20; 1 Timothy 1:17; (Matthew 12:25)
- God is Omnipotent (all powerful; Almighty): see Genesis 1:1-3, 35:11; Job 42:2; Romans 1:20; Revelation 11:17; (Matthew 28:18)
- God is Omnipresent (everywhere present): see 1Kings 8:27; Proverbs 15:3; Jer. 23:23-24; (John 17:5)
- God is Holy (pure, undefiled, and separated from all that is evil): see Lev. 11:44-45; Isaiah 43:3,15; 1 Peter 1:16; (Acts 3:1-16)
- God is distinct from His Creation: see Romans 1:18-25; John 1:1-5, 17:24; 1 Corinthians 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:9; (John 1:1-5)
- God is Righteous and Just: see Psalm 9:8, 11:7, 119:160; (1John 2:1-2; Acts 3:1-16)
- God is Personal (a caring God with feelings): see Psalm 86:15; Ephesians 1:4; (John 15:13; Mark 6:34)
- God is Merciful, Good, and Kind: see Deuteronomy4:31; Nehemiah 9:31; 2 John 1:3; (Hebrews 2:17)
- God is Love: see 1 John 4:7-11; John 3:16; (John 15:13, Revelation 1:5)

Who God is (His form and nature) determines Who He can be, and what He can do: He is King of kings, and Lord of lords. He is the Creator of all things, and the Savior of the World; He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Ending, He is the Holy One of Israel, and the Light Who enlightens the gentiles. He is the Hope of Glory and Horn of Salvation, and so much more!

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Just as the Father is eternally self-existing, so also Jesus was, and is now eternally self-existing - being one with and in the Father. All these attributes, and so much more of the Father's form and nature, were essentially the same attributes of the Son before the incarnation (the birth) of Jesus the Son of God, the Son of Man!

However, When the Word who was God became flesh in the person of Christ Jesus, and was made in the likeness of men, then it could be said that the Son, in His human **form**, that He gave up, for a season of time, certain attributes of His pre-existent Devine nature, primarily His omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence. It is as it says:

"... but (He) made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, **He humbled Himself**, and became **obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-6-8)

In His human 'form' Jesus grew in wisdom, He was subject to His human parents, He hungered; He slept, He wept, He was persecuted, He grew weary walking from place to place, He was tempted. He thirsted, He suffered death on the Cross, ...; but these human attributes ceased when Jesus ascended to the Right Hand of the Father in heaven. He has returned to the full Glory of His Oneness with The Father; it has come to pass just as He prayed:

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour is come; glorify Your Son, so that Your Son may also glorify You, as You have given Him power over all flesh, so that He should give Eternal Life to as many as You have given Him. And this is Life Eternal, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth; I have finished the work which You gave Me to do. And now, O **Father, glorify Me with Your Own Self with the glory which I had with You before the world was (existed)**.'" (John 17:1-5)

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them; so that they may be one, even as we are One; I in them, and You in Me, so that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me. Father, I will that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am; so that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me: for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.'" (John 17:22-24)

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (I Timothy 1:17)

## Jesus Exists in Form as God

He is the image of the invisible God !  
He is the the Express Image of the Father !  
He is the Brightness of the Father's Glory !  
He is One with and in the Father !

In the Father Jesus is Eternal, Immortal, Immutable, Holy, Merciful, and Righteous !  
In the Father Jesus is now again all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere present !

All Praises be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit forever and ever !!  
All Glory be to God, Three-In-One, who Is, and who was, and who is to Come Again !!  
Thank You Jesus for leaving Your Glory in Heaven, and being made human like us !!  
Thank You for becoming our Servant, and Humbling Yourself obediently unto death on the Cross for our salvation, and for our Deliverance unto Life Everlasting !!!

In the Father Jesus You Are LOVE !!!