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HOPE: THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST  
Philippians 2:6-8

What He gave up. Phil. 2:6

- He gave up His exalted position. Phil. 2:6; John 1:1-2, 14; Col. 1:15; John 10:30, 8:58, 10:32-33
- He gave up His divine rights. Phil. 2:6-7
  - His divine glory. John 17:1, 24; Rev. 5:11-14
  - His independent divine authority to be dependent upon God. John 10:30, 5:30, 6:38
  - Limited some of His divine attributes. John 1:47, 2:25; Matt. 24:36
  - He gave up His eternal riches. 2 Cor. 8:9; Matt. 20:28
  - He gave up His intimate one-on-one relationship with the Father. 2 Cor. 5:21; Matt. 27:46, 26:38; Luke 22:44

What He became. Phil. 2:7-8

- He came to serve God and man. Phil. 2:7; Matt. 26:36-46; John 17:4, 4:34, 5:30, 6:38; Luke 22:51
- He came in the likeness and appearance of a man. Phil. 2:7-8; Luke 1:36-38, 2:40-52; Heb. 2:14, 18, 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:21; Matt. 4:1-16; John 11:35, 4:6, 19:28

What it cost Him. Phil. 2:8

- He voluntarily gave up His life. Phil. 2:8; John 10:11, 15, 17-18, 18:13; 2 Cor. 5:21; Matt. 26:45-46
- He died a death upon the cross. Phil. 2:8; Matt. 16:22-23, 26:39; Gal. 3:13; Rom. 5:5-8, 8:1-3; Heb. 9:22; Is. 53:1-12

Application.

- Accept His obedience on our behalf.
- Examine your obedience in light of His.
- Bow at His feet and worship Him.