

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – DECEMBER 19, 2010
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TITLE: “Our Evidence of God”

TEXT: Philippians 2:5-11

INTRODUCTION: Phillips translation ... “For He, Who had always been God by nature, did not cling to His prerogatives as God’s equal, but stripped Himself of all privilege by consenting to become a slave by nature and being born as a mortal man.”

Note the many times the term, “Son of Man” occurs in Scripture ... meaning He gave up His divine privileges by becoming human.

I: INCARNATION- *“The process whereby the Eternal Son of God appeared in history as the man Jesus Christ, to reveal God to men in the fullness of His holy love, and to become the means of their salvation.”*

400 years between Malachi and Matthew are broken with *“Immanuel, God with us.”* God took an idea, wrapped it in a language and put it on the road for the salvation of whosoever will.

II: THE NECESSITY OF THE INCARNATION – God could not just “fly” in from heaven and pay us a visit. He had to become man in order to fully represent mankind and to provide redemption.

HE HAD TO BECOME VISIBLE!

Song: **“No, Not One”** (Page 224 in our hymnal)

“There’s not an hour that He is not near us, No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us, No, not one!” (v. 3)

Chorus: “Jesus knows all about our struggles; He will guide
Till the day is done;
There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one! No, not one!”

CONCLUSION: Our text on this Christmas Sunday is all about the “KENOSIS” of history ... the renunciation of the divine nature in the incarnation! Was it necessary? Absolutely! Why? Because of our sin!!! “Only His great eternal love, made my Savior go?” (“Out of the Ivory Palaces”