

# LENT

Having the Mind of Christ

*Philippians 2*

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OVERVIEW

PARTICIPATING  
IN THE STORY  
JESUS

IF I CAN-AND YOU TO BE  
DRAINED IN THE LUCKS (1:2)

# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

"FOR ME, LIFE IS THE  
MESSIAH, AND SO DYING  
WOULD BE A GAIN." (1:21)

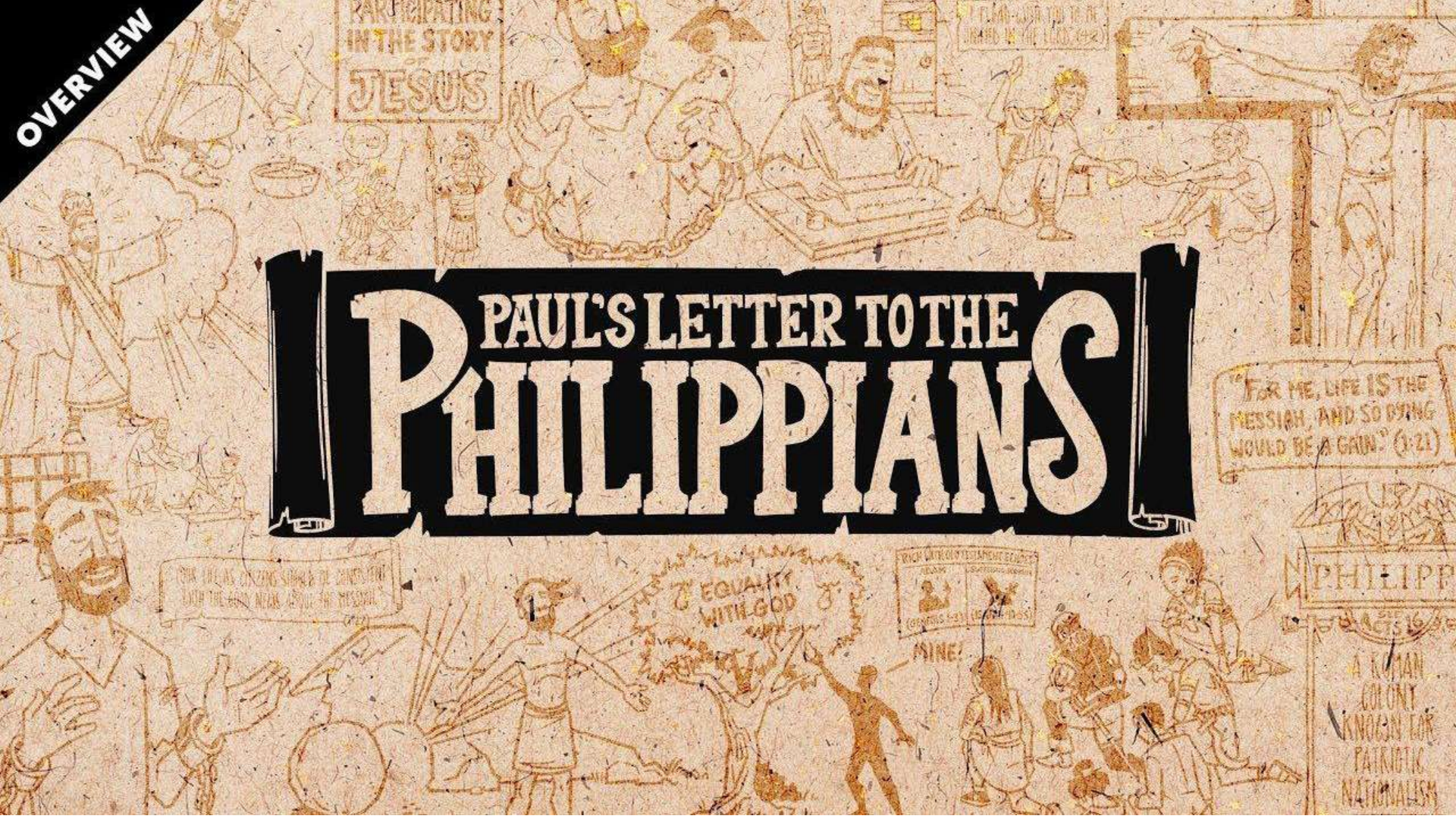
FROM THE US, GETTING SHOWN TO THE CONCEPT  
EACH THE HEAVY MEANS ABOUT THE MESSIAH

EQUALITY  
WITH GOD

RICH WITH GLORY, WE ARE EQUAL  
TO GOD (PHILIPPIANS 2:6)  
ROMANS 8:21 (EARTH-DRIVEN)

PHILIPP

A ROMAN  
COLONY  
KNOWN FOR  
PATRIOTIC  
NATIONALISM



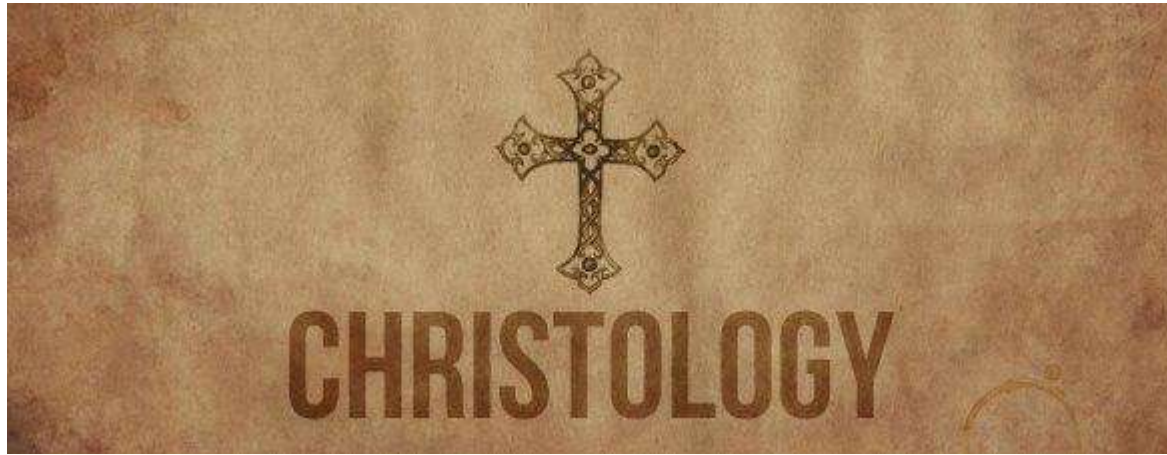
Joy

HUMILITY

UNITY

*the*  
**Christ  
Hymn**  
Phil 2:1-11





The person, nature and role of Jesus

# Philippians 2: 5-11



In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

# Philippians 2: 5-11



Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

# Philippians 2: 5-11



Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue acknowledge  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



# Philippians 2: 5-11



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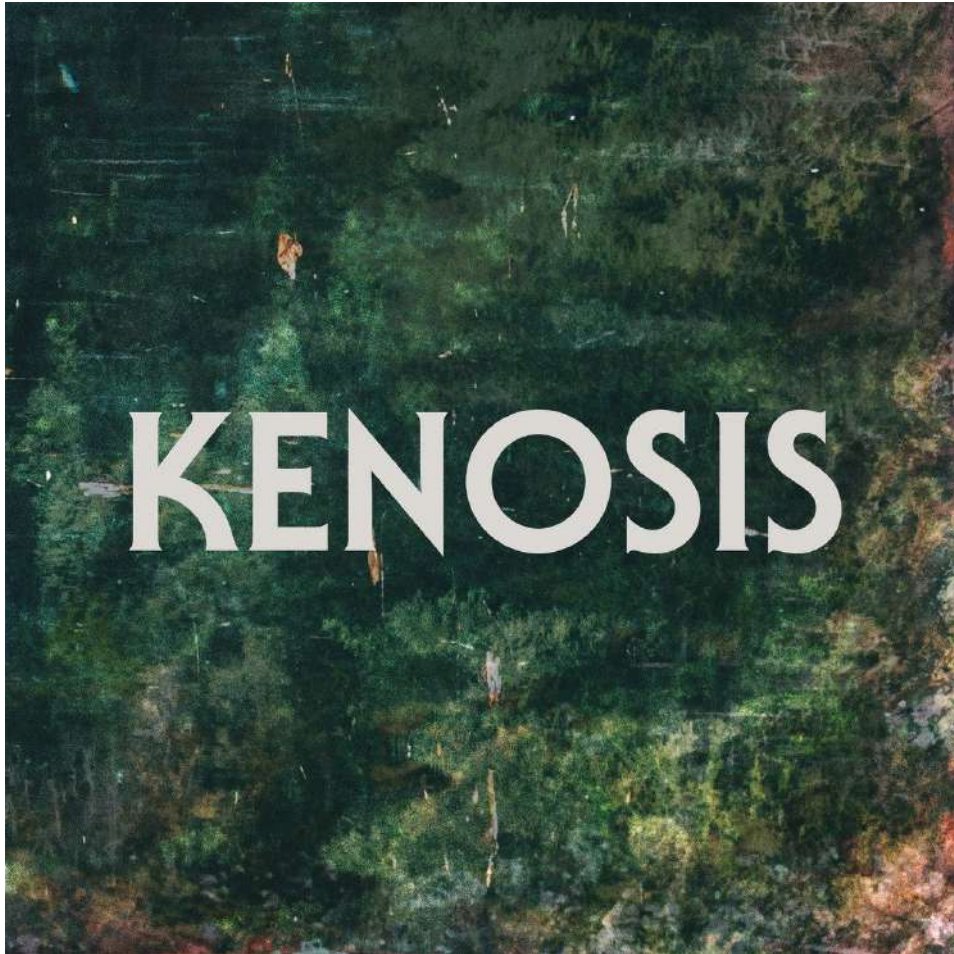


**NIV**-rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,

**KJV** - But made himself of no reputation, and  
took upon him the form of a servant,

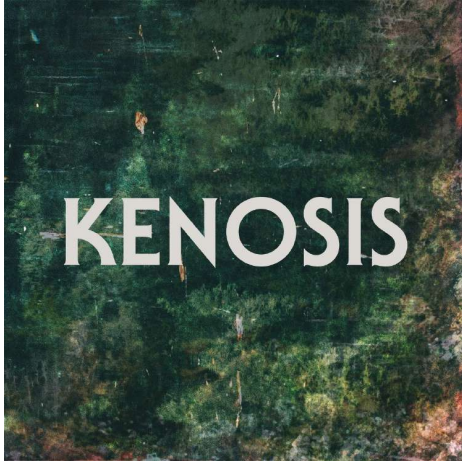
**NLT** - Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
he took the humble position of a slave

**NRSV**- but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,



“Emptied himself”

Kenotic Theology  
Kenotic Love



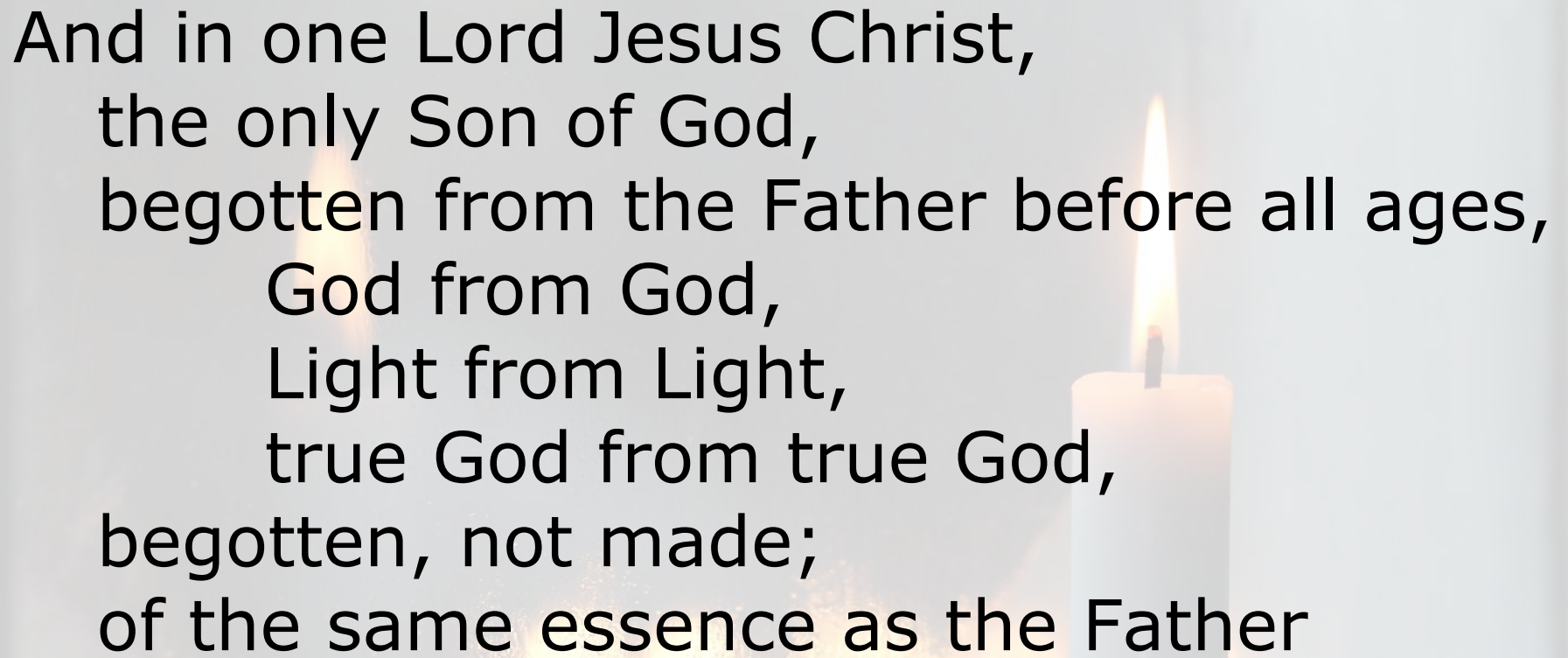
## “Emptied himself”

- Jesus hides / gives up divinity for a season.
- Robe analogy
  
- Problematic

Colossians 2:9

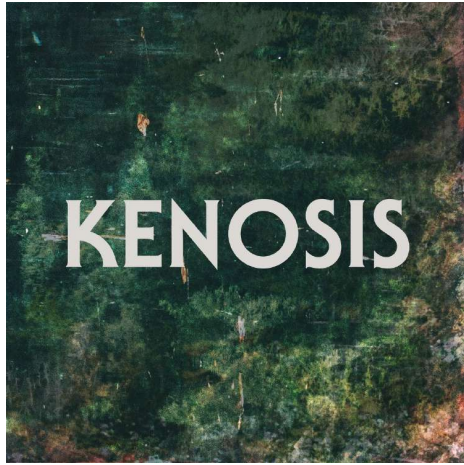
“For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body.”

Jesus - fully God, fully man



And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father

-Nicene Creed



## “Emptied himself”

- Kenosis is the nature of Jesus
  - self-emptying
  - humility
  - self-sacrifice
  - giving up of privilege to empower others
  - servanthood
  - focussing on the benefit of others before benefit of self



**KENOSIS**

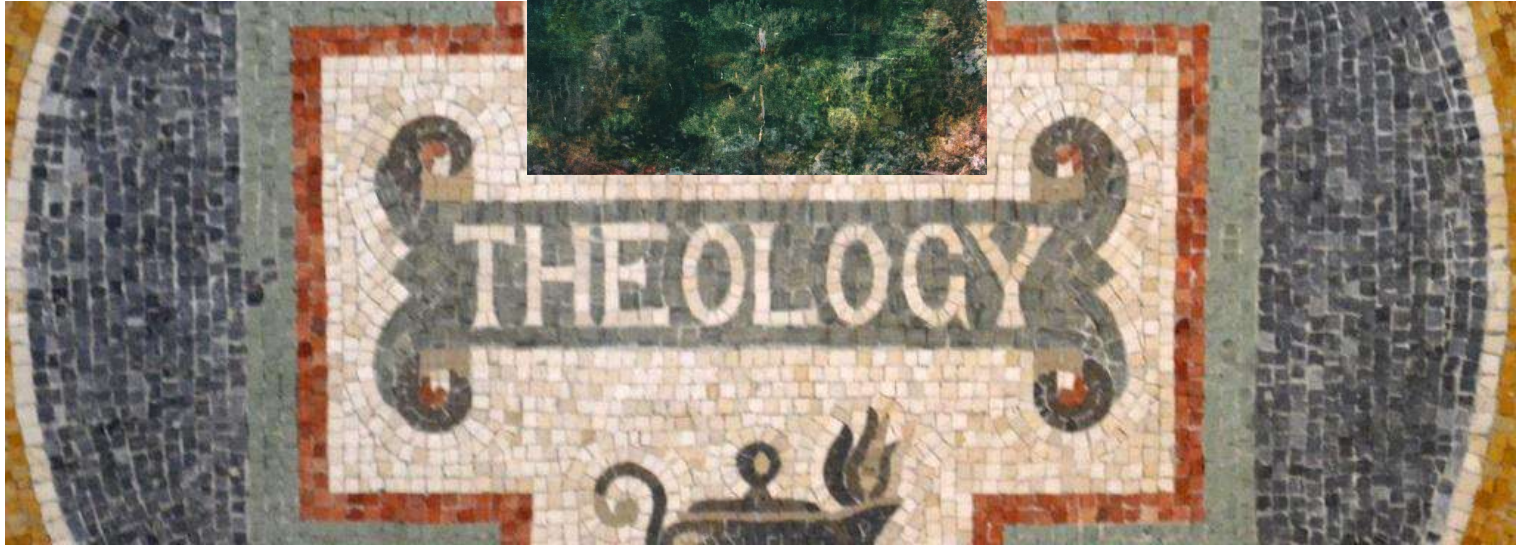


**CHRISTOLOGY**

The person, nature and role of Jesus



**KENOSIS**



The person, nature and role of God



John 14:9

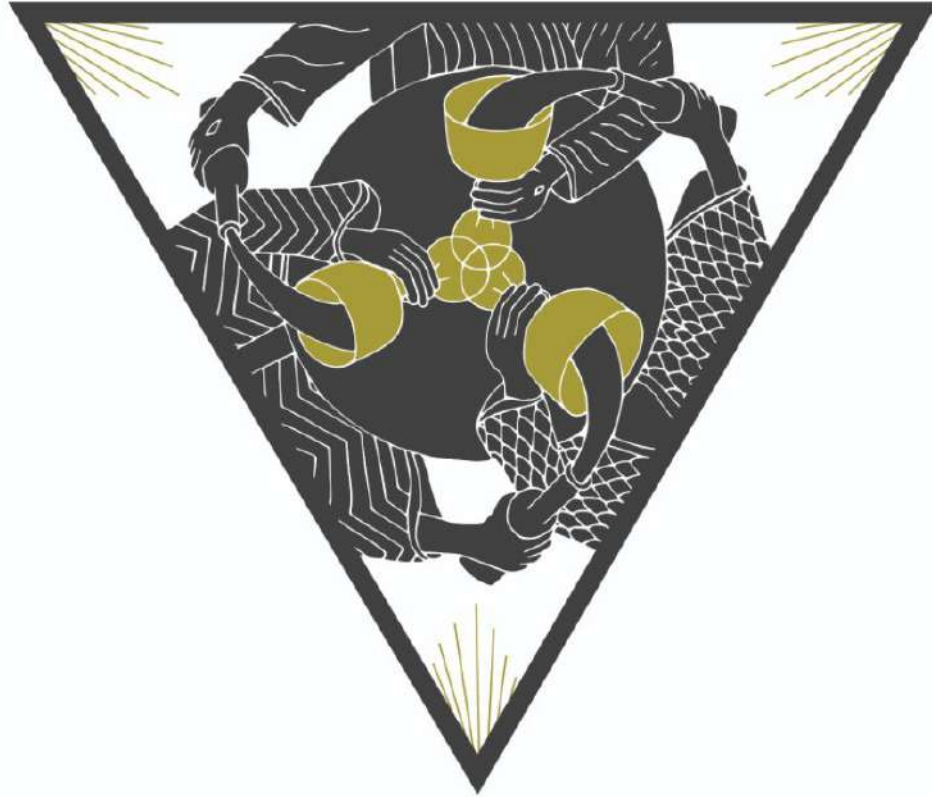
“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father”

John 10:30

“I and the Father are one.”

Colossians 1:15

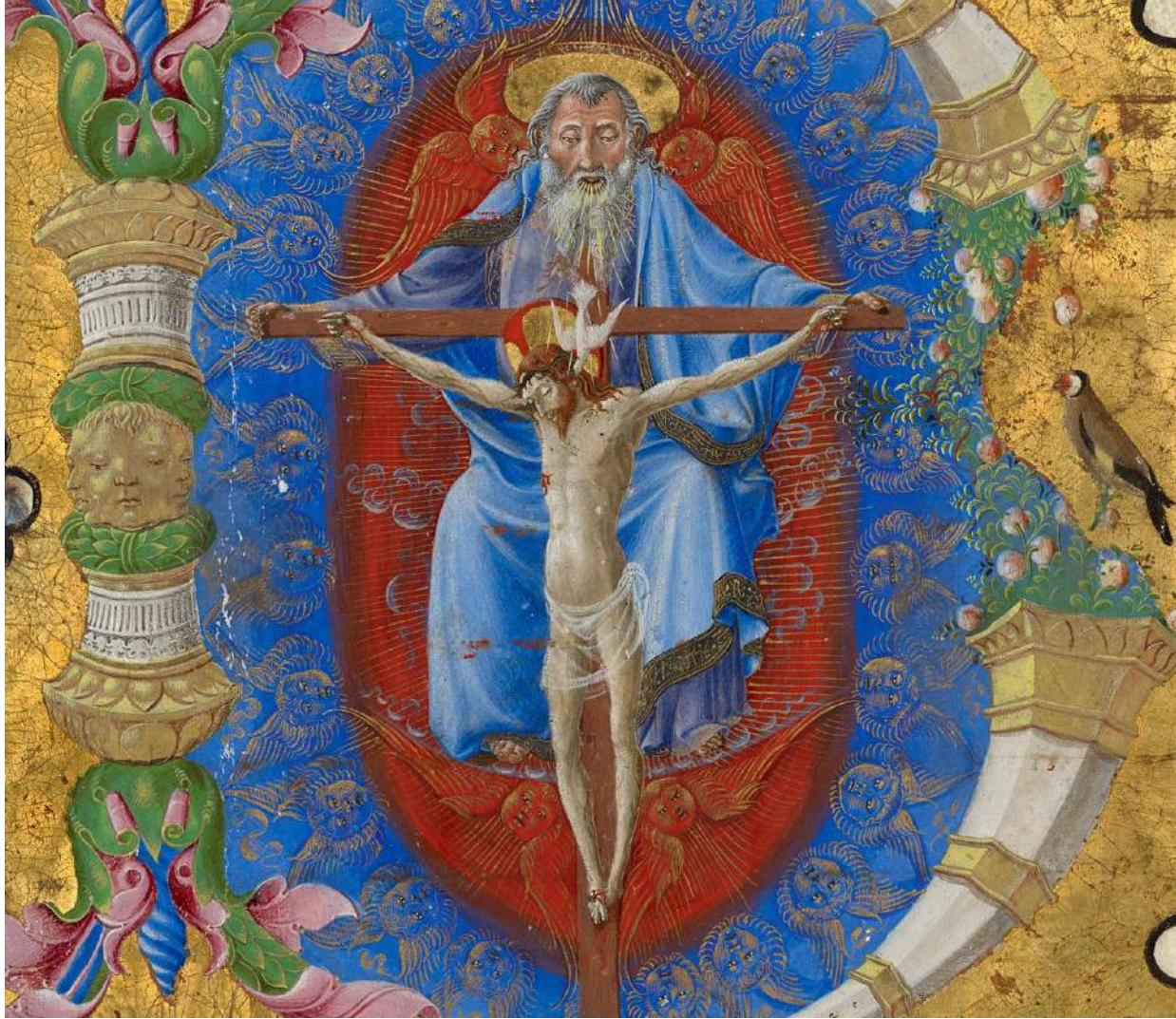
“The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation.”



Scott Erickson Art







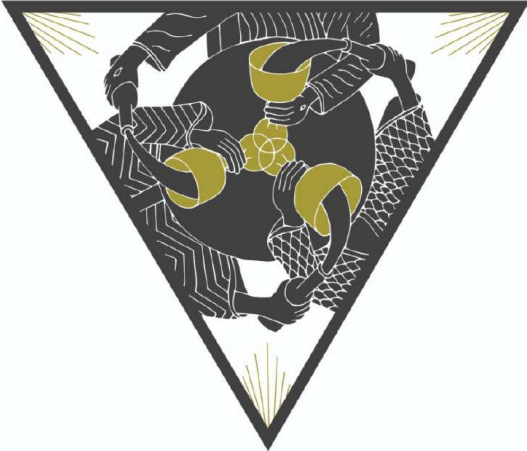


“God’s eternal disposition is to make room for others.”

-Dr. Hak Joon Lee,  
professor of theology, Fuller Theological Seminary



## Bishop Kallistos Ware

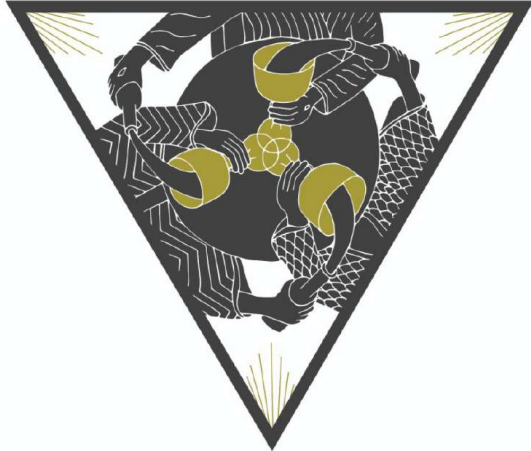


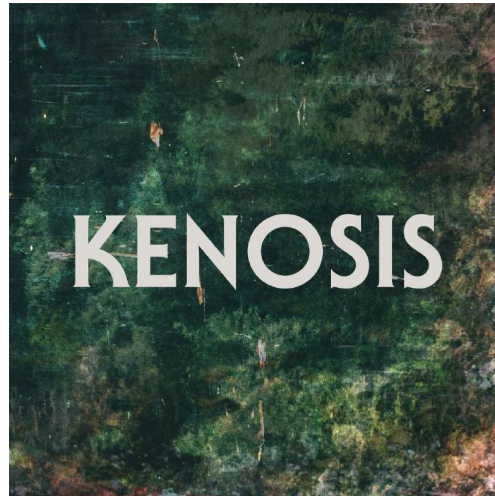
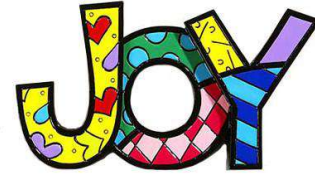
“If nothing compelled God to create, why then did he choose to do so? In so far as such a question admits of an answer, our reply must be: God’s motive in creation is his love. Rather than say that he created the universe out of nothing, we should say that he created it out of his own self, which is love. We should think, not of God the Manufacturer or God the Craftsman, but of God as Lover. Creation is an act not so much of his free will as of his free love.



## Bishop Kallistos Ware

To love means to share, as the doctrine of the trinity has so clearly shown us: God is not just one but one-in-three, because he is a communion of persons who share in love with one another. This circle of divine love, however, has not remained closed. God's love is, in the literal sense of the word, "ecstatic" - a love that causes God to go out from himself and to create things other than himself. By voluntary choice God created the world in "ecstatic" love, so that there might be besides himself other beings to participate in the life and the love that are his.





1.A Critique

2.A Call

## (1) A Critique

- Competition / Rivalry
- Exploitation / Consumption
- Individualism
- Power / Strength
- Wealth / Profit
- Self - Promotion
- Putting self first



**KENOSIS**



# KENOSIS

## (1) A Call

- To share
- To make space
- To serve
- To empower
- To seek the good of the other
  - marginalized, vulnerable, excluded

## Vineyard Distinctives: The Upside-Down Way

In the “world according to Jesus,” most everything we’ve come to accept as normal is turned upside-down. The lame walk, the blind see, the poor are rich. The weak are strong, the servants lead, and the meek inherit the earth. Jesus is at odds with conventional thinking. This Servant - King challenges our understanding of authority and power, good and evil. His life, death, and resurrection reveal a radically different pathway to the wholeness, liberty, and flourishing that God intended for every human heart from the dawn of creation.

“I used to think that God’s gifts were on shelves one above the other, and that the taller we grew in Christian character the easier we should reach them. I find now that God’s gifts are on shelves one beneath the other, and that it is not a question of growing taller, but of stooping lower, and that we have to go down, always down, to get His best gifts.”

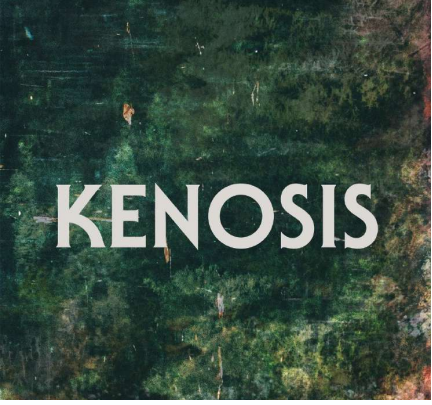
- F.B. Meyer



KENOSIS

# Church as Womb





# Metanoia

Repent  
Re-think

