

The Crossified Life: The witness of the Cross (Part 1)
Mark 12:24; 1 Corinthians 1:18,24; Philippians 2:3-9

“If I were God I would... _____.”

The Witness of the Crossified Life: A Life of Self-offering to God and to Others – Matt 22:37-39

The Pattern of God’s Life in the Man Jesus Christ – Phil 2:3-9

(“Although _____, He did not _____, but _____.”)

- “although He existed in the form of God”: a status that implies the exercise of divine prerogatives and power – Phil 2:6
- “He did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped”: He did not exploit His status for personal gain- Phil 2:6
- “but emptied Himself”: He poured out His life for the sake of others – Phil 2:7
...a voluntary incarnation, servant, death – Phil 2:8

<u>ALTHOUGH...</u>	<u>HE DID NOT...</u>	<u>BUT HE DID...</u>
status of God	use it for self-interest	use it for self expenditure
stayed in heaven	play it safe	come to us/meet our needs
avoided suffering	protect Himself	pay the price so others go free
defended Himself	do so	trust His Father
one with God	demand exaltation	choose humiliation
holy, holy, holy	stay away from sinful	come to give us Himself

...this is the Son of God exercising His divinity – Jo 1:18; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15

Witnesses of the “Crossified Life”:

- the witness of humility – Phil 2:3,8 (no strutting at the cross!)
- the witness of identification – Phil 2:7 (no detachment at the cross!)
- the witness of sacrifice – Phil 2:8 (no self-preservation at the cross!)
- the witness of exaltation – Phil 2:9 (the gifts of perspective and authority!)