

The Nature of Christ

John 1:14 says, *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

When John says that Jesus was *"full of grace and truth,"* he is not merely describing one of Christ's divine attributes. He is revealing the very nature of how Jesus walked among us.

The Greek word for grace (*charis*) carries a richness that is difficult to capture with a single English word. It speaks of graciousness, kindness, favor, generosity, and freely given love. Everywhere Jesus went, He demonstrated this grace. He delighted in giving. He healed the broken, welcomed the outcast, forgave the sinner, comforted the weary, and revealed the truth that sets people free.

His life was one of joyful generosity. He did not simply perform acts of mercy; He continually gave Himself away in love.

These are qualities worthy of our deepest meditation.

Now connect this with Philippians 2:5: *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."*

Paul is calling every believer to embrace the very disposition of Christ. A mind that does not cling to self, seek its own advantage, or exalt its own importance, but willingly pours itself into the lives of others with joy, humility, and love.

The context of Philippians is one of humility, servanthood, and self-emptying. Though fully God, Jesus did not cling to His divine privileges, but humbled Himself, becoming obedient even to death on a cross.

To have the mind of Christ is to cultivate that same gracious spirit: generous in love, joyful in serving, compassionate toward others, and unwavering in truth. Grace never compromises truth, and truth is never separated from grace. Together they reveal the beautiful character of Christ.

This is more than a doctrine to admire. It is an invitation into a lifestyle of divine generosity, the heart of the Gospel; to become like Jesus.