

Have you ever wondered what was on Jesus' mind? I mean, how was He looking at things? What was He thinking when He stepped out onto the water to walk back to Capernaum after He'd sent the disciples away in the only boat left. What was on His mind when He told the wind to hush and the waves to be still? What picture was He seeing that caused Him to spit on the ground, make some clay, and put it on the eyes of the man who was born blind, telling him to go wash in the pool of Siloam? And don't you think it should be knowable if we are supposed to have the same mind? What!?

Yes! That's what we talked about yesterday. The same *phroneo*, "thoughts and understanding directing our behavior", is supposed to be in us. As the ESV translates [Php 2:5](#), "...**which is yours in Christ Jesus.**" So, what was the basis for "the understanding directing His behavior"? He, "**did not consider it robbery to be equal to God.**" ([v6](#)) So neither should we! But how can that be? Wouldn't that be blasphemy? Let's see.

In the 10th chapter of John, Jesus was having difficulty with the Jews over this very issue. As they pressed Him about who He was, He said, "**I and My Father are One.**" So they took up stones to stone Him for blasphemy, "**because You, being a man, make Yourself God.**" Now, that might be a bit confusing to us, but the Jews understood that because the son was "out from" the father, he was considered to be "of" or "the same as", or "equal to", the father. So Jesus pointed out that their own law says that God said, "**You are gods.**" And the 82nd Psalm goes on to say why, "**...all of you are children of The Most High.**" Pointing out the scripture, He then asked them why they thought He was blaspheming because He said that He is The Son of God.. By the way, you are a son of God too!

Yesterday we went through the differing definitions used to translate the several words that cause the 2 distinctly different pictures presented in translations of [Php 2:5-7](#). You can go listen to all of it on the website, or watch it on Facebook or YouTube, but for here, let's just compare the 2.

One is that Jesus, existing in the form of God, didn't think that being equal to God was something to be held on to, so He let go of it, emptied Himself, "**gave up his divine privileges**", as the New Living Translation says, and instead took on the form of a man and came to earth.

The other is that Jesus Christ, already having the nature of God, didn't think that it was taking something that didn't belong to Him by considering Himself to be equal to God because He was, (and is) the Son of God. But instead of boasting and boosting His reputation, calling for people to serve Him, He took on the nature of a servant and ministered to them.

Now, in light of what John recorded that Jesus said to the Jews, ([Jn 10:30-36](#)), which picture do you choose? Now, think back to the beginning, and consider the question, what was He thinking? Ask Him to show you, and let it happen in you, because, in Christ Jesus, we are one with God too! ([Jn 17:22-23](#)) Then, "**Let this mind be in you that's also in Christ Jesus. Who, having the nature of God, didn't consider it robbery to be equal to God...**" Attaining that mindset is how we reach the place where "**the works that I do shall he do also...**" ([Jn 14:12](#)) and "**...whatever you shall ask The Father in My Name He will give you.**" ([Jn 16:23](#))

So, "**...do not be shaped in the same way as this world, rather let your nature be changed by renewing of the mind...**" ([Ro 12:2](#))

Love never fails!

