

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 3 10 and 11 say

I want to know Christ, yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Colossians 2 13 to 15 we read

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,

having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 1 19 to 21 we read For it was the good pleasure [of the Father] that in him should all the fulness dwell;

and through him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross;

through him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens. And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works,

Hebrews 12 2 says fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

First Peter 2 24 says

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;

"by his wounds you have been healed."

Yes! Let us crucify the flesh with its passions and desires and fulfil God's statutes.

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