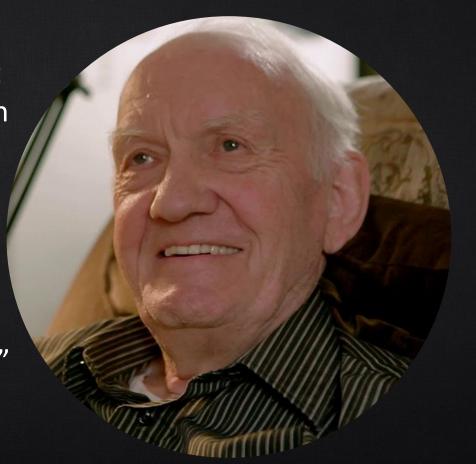


Philippians 2:6-11

"the clearest and strongest expression of Paul's belief in Christ as pre-existent – fully divine and equal with the Father – who in his incarnation became fully human for the salvation of humankind" -Gordon Fee, Pauline Christology



In a 2016 Lifeway survey, 71% of American evangelicals agreed that "Jesus was the first and greatest being created by God the Father."

In a 2014
Barna survey,
only 56%

of Americans said they that believe Jesus is God.

a created being, no matter how great, cannot be God

In a 2018 Lifeway survey, 78% of American evangelicals agreed that "Jesus was the first and greatest being created by God the Father."

...who, existing in the form of God...

morphe
denotes primarily,
not physical form,
but the essential
characteristics or
essence of a thing
or person

although He existed in the form of God NASB1995

In God's own form existed he He always had the nature of God GNT He was like God in every way ERV

Though
he was by
nature God

Who, being in very nature God

Though he was God

...waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ....

Titus 2:!3 ESV

This Son,
radiance of the
glory of God, flawless
expression of the nature
of God, himself the
upholding principle
of all that is....

Hebrews 1:3 PHILLIPS

John 1:1, 14 csв

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory....

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him. John 8:58-59a CSB

"I and the Father are one." ³¹ Again the Jews picked up rocks to stone him. John 10:30-31 CSB Then he said to Thomas,

"Put your finger here, and see my hands;
and put out your hand, and place it in my side.

Do not disbelieve, but believe."

28 Thomas answered him,

"My Lord and my God!"

John 20:27-28 ESV



Isaiah 9:6 ESV For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;



Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.