

Philippians 2.6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God
a thing to be grasped,

Although the NIV translates the phrase in question as, “who, being in very nature God,” this is a gross exaggeration of the Greek text which is correctly rendered by many other translations as, “who, being in the form of God.” If Jesus was/is in the form of God, then he is certainly not God. If Paul had wanted to say that Jesus was God, he could easily have said, “who, being God,” but he did not. Furthermore, it is clear that the contrasting parallel of this passage is between Christ, “the form of God,” and “the form of a servant” (Philippians 2.7). In other words, we are talking about rank or status, not substance.