

The Gospel According to John

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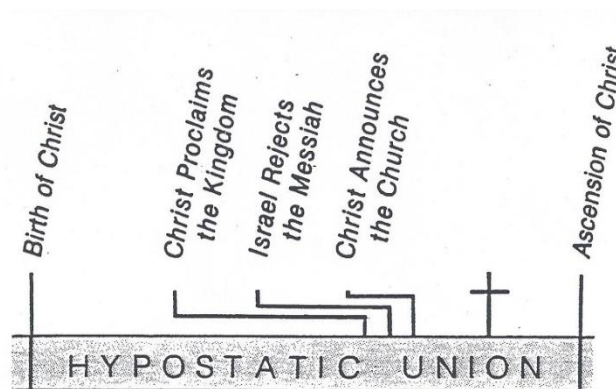
Last week when the clock tolled 7:45 P.M., I completed in part a study of Joh 1:14 by way of an analysis of the *Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union*.

Before continuing I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page eight.

The Doctrine of The Hypostatic Union

1. The hypostatic union is that union of Jesus as God and man while He was incarnate as the Godman.



2. The English word hypostatic comes from the Greek word **Hupostasis** meaning to stand down or under.

3. In the person of Christ there are two natures united without admixture or loss of separate identity, property or attributes and this unification of the divine and human is personal and eternal.

3.1 Christ became a man and lived as a man in an age often called the Kingdom Age or The Age of the Hypostatic Union.

4. There are four reasons why Jesus had to be a man:

4.1 He had to be a man to be our Savior and the One Who resolved the angelic conflict.

Phi 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Phi 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

Phi 2:7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Phi 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

4.2 The angelic conflict is an intense war on the part of the fallen angels to further their cause by

1. producing a creature incapable of being saved--part angel and part man,
2. killing the humanity of Christ,
3. inducing Christ to sin,
4. somehow keeping man from accepting Christ as Savior, and
5. sweeping Christian apostasy.

4.3 Angels were created as super creatures to do God's will.

Eze 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "'You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

Eze 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

Eze 28:14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Eze 28:16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So, I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will
exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the
congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most
High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider
thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake
kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities
thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone
in his own house.

Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and
as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go
down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

4.4 One of the three lead angels (referred to as a covering-angel) named
Lucifer went on negative signals and chose to be disobedient to God's plan.
This occurred sometime in eternity past. The other two covering or lead
angels, Michael and Gabriel. These two did not follow Lucifer in the fall.

4.5 Lucifer took one-third of all the angels with him in his rebellion.

4.6 Because of this rebellion, God after a trial sentenced Satan and his
fallen cadre to the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire was created not for man
but for Satan and his subalterns.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from
me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

4.7 Satan and his partners apparently protested, using as their defense:
"God is not fair, for we could not help ourselves." The excuse, as best we can
tell, went something like this, "I, as a creature angel so inferior to the
members of the Trinity, could not help myself; after all I am not like you."

4.8 God created man inferior to angels for the purpose of showing that a “sub creature” could stay on positive signals and not rebel against God’s plan. Christ took on the form of man and showed Satan that the Godman could be tempted, but refuse to fall. His example left Satan without excuse.

4.9 Christ had to be a man to be our mediator. Job 9:32-34 compared with 1Ti 2:5-6

Job 9:32 "He is not a man like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court.

Job 9:33 If only there were someone to arbitrate between us, to lay his hand upon us both,

Job 9:34 someone to remove God's rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men-- the testimony given in its proper time.

4.10 He had to be a man to be our High Priest. Heb 7:4-5, 14 and 28.

Heb 7:4 Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him (*Melchizedek, a type of Christ*) a tenth of the plunder!

Heb 7:5 Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people-- that is, their brothers--even though their brothers are descended from Abraham ...

Heb 7:14 For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

Heb 7:28 For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

4.11 He had to be a man in order to be a King. 2Sa 7:8-16 and Psa 89:22-37

2Sa 7:8 "Now then, tell my servant David (*a type of Christ*), "This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel.

2Sa 7:9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.

2Sa 7:10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed.

Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning
2Sa 7:11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies. "The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

2Sa 7:12 When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men.

2Sa 7:15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

2Sa 7:16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

Psa 89:22 No enemy will subject him to tribute; no wicked man will oppress him.

Psa 89:23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down his adversaries.

Psa 89:24 My faithful love will be with him, and through my name his horn will be exalted.

Psa 89:25 I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers.

Psa 89:26 He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'

Psa 89:27 I will also appoint him my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

Psa 89:28 I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail.

Psa 89:29 I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.

Psa 89:30 "If his sons forsake my law and do not follow my statutes,

Psa 89:31 if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands,
Psa 89:32 I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging;
Psa 89:33 but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my
faithfulness.
Psa 89:34 I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.
Psa 89:35 Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness-- and I will not lie to
David--
Psa 89:36 that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before
me like the sun;
Psa 89:37 it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in
the sky."

5. Besides Joh 1:1-14 there are other Scriptures relating to the Hypostatic
Union:

Rom 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated
unto the gospel of God,

Rom 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy
scriptures,)

Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the
seed of David according to the flesh;

Rom 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the
spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Rom 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to
the faith among all nations, for his name:

Rom 9:5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human
ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

Phi 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and
became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

Phi 2:9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the
name that is above every name,

Phi 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on
earth and under the earth,

Phi 2:11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

6. Jesus was both divine and human.

6.1 As Deity He had unlimited power and all of the essences of God. As a human He had all the limitations (by choice) of a homo-sapien.

7. The key to understanding the hypostatic union is knowing that Jesus by His volition while incarnate chose not to use His attributes of deity.

8. As a man Jesus had a body, spirit and soul minus an Old Sin Nature (*a result of His virgin birth*). Jesus was not conceived by the conjunction of man and woman. He was begotten in the womb of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mat 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

8.1 Mary conceived only because the Holy Spirit had begotten Jesus in her womb and hence the birth was virgin. Paul reflects this doctrine in Gal 4:4 when he writes, "God sent forth his Son born of woman (*not by a man and a woman*)"

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

8.2 The prophecy of Isa 7:14 therefore foretold of the supernatural manner of Jesus' birth.

8.3 In the Hebrew of Isa 7:14 we find **Alma**, meaning "young woman, maiden or virgin." It is translated both in the KJV and the NIV as virgin.

KJV

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

NIV

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

8.4 The Greek word **Parthenos**, "virgin" is the word employed in the LXX translation of Isa 7:14 and in its quotation in Mat 1:23.

LXX

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin (**Parthenos**) shall conceive in the womb, and shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Emmanuel."

KJV

Mat 1:23 Behold, a virgin (**Parthenos**) shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

8.5 **Parthenos** is used to describe Mary in Luk 1:27.

Luk 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Luk 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luk 1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

8.6 **Parthenos** can be found fourteen times in the New Testament and in each case in the KJV it is translated "virgin or virgins."

8.7 It was not a mere baby who was conceived of Mary. It was the eternal Son of God who was conceived. Only His "*humanity*" was formed in the womb, but He was God, though self-limited, in this "new" identity. Thus, the term God incarnate.

8.8 Whatever one's view concerning this question, we can say according to the world's most authentic historical tome that Christ was born by means of a virgin birth.

8.8.1 The incarnation did not change or destroy any of the attributes of either God or man. Jesus as the incarnate Christ was different from both God and man. God the Son by choice became unique, unlike the other two members of the Trinity because:

8.9 Christ had the power not to submit to God's authority.

Isa 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

9. He had the power to stay under that authority. His incarnation resolved the angelic conflict. There were a number of choices Jesus had to make as the incarnate Christ and a few of these were:

9.1 as the Godman he had to choose physical birth

9.2 as the Godman he had to choose the limitations of space, knowledge, power, etc.

9.3 as the Godman he had to accept the sins of the world and be judged for those sins.

10. Though God chose to reveal Himself as three personalities we must always keep in mind, the Three are also One.

11. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit possess the same essences. The essences are many but Col. R. B. Thieme has selected ten as best representing Him. God is Sovereign, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Eternal, Perfect Love, Plus Justice, Plus Righteousness, Just, Immutable and the Ultimate in Truth.

12. Certainly God has revealed in His Word certain attributes over and above what we have listed as essences but clearly both His essences and attributes all point to the fact that all three members of the Trinity are co-infinite, coeternal and coequal.

13. Christ when He became man and dwelt among us by His choice limited His divine essence and attributes and accepted the limitations of humanity.

14. The Godman Jesus always possessed the power, attributes and essences of Deity but He chose not to use them and thus He was The Godman, God Incarnate and the Christ.

15. Christ Jesus as God not only took care of all the sins of the world by his efficacious sacrifice on the cross but He made possible salvation for all who would believe on His name. To illustrate, I have provided several Scriptures:

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died as a substitute for us.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Joh 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

Joh 9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

Joh 9:36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

Joh 9:37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

Joh 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 4:22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Rom 4:23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

Rom 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

1Ti 1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Heb 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

1Pe 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1Jo 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

1Jo 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Conclusion

As the Godman Christ became a mediator equal with both God and man; to perform this inscrutable task He had to accept the limitations of humanity.

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Job 9:32 "He is not a man like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court.

Job 9:33 If only there were someone to arbitrate between us, to lay his hand upon us both,

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all men-- the testimony given in its proper time.

Heb 10:5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

Heb 10:6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

Heb 10:7 Then I said, 'Here I am-- it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.'"

Heb 10:8 First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made).

Heb 10:9 Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

Heb 10:10 And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Heb 10:11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Heb 10:12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

Heb 10:13 Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool,

Heb 10:14 because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those that are sanctified.

End Lesson

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