

## Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union

- 1) Definition- At the Virgin Birth of Christ, deity and humanity were inseparably united without mixture or loss of identity, without loss or transfer of properties or attributes- the union being personal and eternal. Jesus Christ is the unique person of the universe. He is fully God and true humanity in one person forever.
- 2) Nomenclature: hypostasis meaning “stand under,” or “take a thing upon oneself,” Heb. 1:3 cf. Jn. 1:1-14; Rom. 1:2-5; 9:5; Phil. 2:5-11; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:14.
- 3) The true doctrine of Kenosis (emptying): Christ voluntarily restricted the independent use of divine attributes Phil. 2:5-8.
- 4) The false doctrine of Kenosis states that Christ laid aside His divine attributes of deity and was merely man.
- 5) Results of the Hypostatic Union.
  - a) There is no loss of each nature. He continues to have the same essence as the Father. There was no loss of any attribute of deity John 10:30.
  - b) The essence of humanity was added without change Heb. 13:8.
  - c) The joining is not a mixing. He is not a deified man nor a humanized God. He is the God- man.
  - d) He was able to die an efficacious death (equal with both parties) Phil. 2:8.
  - e) He was able to redeem man Gal. 3:13; 4:4,5.
- 6) Jesus Christ exercised divine attributes only under the ministry of God the Holy Spirit Matt. 4:1; Rom. 1:4; 1 Tim. 3:16; Luke 4:1,14, 18; 5:17, 6:19; 8:46; Acts 10:38; Heb. 9:14.
- 7) The importance of humanity:
  - a) He had to be equal with man Heb. 2:17-18; 4:14-16.
  - b) It was necessary for His substitution for man 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21.
  - c) To be the Savior Phil. 2:7-8; Heb. 2:14-15.
  - d) To be the Mediator 1 Tim. 2:5-6.
  - e) To be the High priest, who represents man before God Heb. 7:26-27; 10:10-14.
  - f) To be the Son of David 2 Sam. 7:8-16; Ps. 89:28-37.
- 8) Proof of his humanity.
  - a) He was born of a woman Gal. 4:4.
  - b) He had normal human development Luke 2:52.
  - c) He died and was buried Jn. 19:30; 1 Cor. 15:3,4.
- 9) His humanity was sinless 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22; 1 Jn. 3:5

## Train Your Replacements: How to Mediate

### 1 Timothy 2:3-7

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#### How do you mediate?

#### 1) Jesus wants all men to be \_\_\_\_\_ 2:3-4

- “Unacceptable prayer” Ps. 66:18
- Pray according to His will 1 John 5:14-15
- 1 Tim. 4:10; Luke 13:34-35 [2 Pet. 3:9]

#### 2) Lead people to Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_ 2:5-6

- Deut. 6:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Is. 45:18, 22; 46:9 [Job 1:12] \_\_\_\_\_
- Heb. 9:11-15 [Acts 4:12; John 14:6] \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Pet. 1:18-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Tim. 2:1,2; 2 Cor. 5:14,15 \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3) Speak the truth in Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_ 2:7

- 1 John 2:20; Matt. 28:19-20

Will you put a rose in the vase this year?

***Jesus wants you to mediate all men to Him! 2 Cor. 5:18-20***

- It is incomprehensible what God did to Jesus for you and me! Live the gospel to both unbelievers and believers. It sets both free from themselves.
- Die to your desires that you might bring others to God. It provides a bridge for people to reach God.
- Your heart in God's hands will determine how you mediate with God and people. Do you have a global picture to reach local people? Do you empathize with where people are in life?

**Message Based Discussion Questions**

- 1) Have you ever had to act as a go-between with two people you know? What was it like?

**Digging deeper:**

- 2) Is it possible to pray in a way that wouldn't please God (cf. Jam. 4:1-10; 1 John 5:14-15)? \_\_\_\_\_ How should you pray in order to please God?

- 3) Jesus is the Mediator between God and man. How would you explain that concept to a new Christian? Why is the concept of "mediator" important?
- 4) Paul had a ministry to the Gentiles. Did he not minister to Jews (Rom. 1:16)? \_\_\_\_\_ What were the various expressions he used of himself and how can we better understand his perspective about himself (Rom. 11:13; 15:16; Eph. 3:1; 1 Tim. 2:7).

**Making application of the message to life:**

- 5) How can you develop a "heart of God" to pray for the salvation of people around you?
- 6) What is God's part and our part in the salvation and sanctification process?
- 7) What would God desire that you do in order to see His work more evident?

Read Is. 50:4 for your encouragement.