

the "Robber Council" and its views were not received throughout the church. Flavian, incidentally, took a lot of abuse at the council and died on the return trip to Constantinople.

The result was that the religious world boiled and fumed. Theodosius had made things much worse and had reopened the old sores as well as creating some new ones. He had no opportunity for a further council as he died the following year. But the eastern theological world was in a state of foment and the council of 451 resulted.

2. The Procedure of the Council

a. The call gathered the council at Chalcedon (Asia Minor) on Oct. 8, 451 AD. 520 bishops were present and about 110 other representatives of the church were available in one capacity or another.. a large number of "proxies" was also on the scene. The preliminary work included the reading of an older letter from Cyril of Alexandria to John of Antioch so that the orthodox positions could be summarized and seen in good light. The Creeds of Constantinople and Nicea were also reaffirmed .

Chalcedon:  
The Council  
Convened.

b. The action

The letter of Leo was read. (This is known as the Tome of Leo.) It affirmed the following:

- (1) There are two natures in Christ, permanently distinct.
- (2) The two natures unite in One Person each performing its proper function.
- (3) The unity of the Person calls for the communication of attributes.
- (4) Redemption requires a mediator who is both human and divine and the Logos, in the incarnation does not cease to be God.
- (5) Christ's humanity is permanent...to deny this would involve a docetic view of the sufferings of Christ.

(The full text of the Tome is found in the Post-Nicene Fathers, Vol. XIV, Second Series. You may easily read it, carefully, in about 25 minutes.)

Although heatedly argued by Dioscurus and his colleagues, the vast majority of the council, including the eastern representative, approved the ideas in the Tome of Leo and produced the Chalcedonian Creed of which the following is an extract:

Substantially the same letter he wrote to Ephesus (but was not read)

Read to the approval of the council

You can usually define between the 2 natures

Main Points of the Tome of Leo

↑  
A great Synthesizer.

One of the greatest.

475-740 Chason West.  
Toward the end Franks arose.  
(732 Charles Martel defeated Moors)