

The heart of the Chalcedonian Creed.

Following the Holy Fathers we teach with one voice that the Son of God and our Lord Jesus Christ is to be confessed as one and the same Person, that he is perfect in Godhead and perfect in manhood, very God and very man, of a reasonable soul and (human) body consisting, consubstantial with us as touching his manhood and consubstantial with the Father as touching the Godhead; made in all things like unto us, sin only excepted; begotten of his father before the worlds according to his Godhead; but in these last days for us men and for our salvation born (into the world) of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God according to his manhood...."

This one and the same Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son must be confessed to be in two natures, unconfusedly; immutable, indivisibly, inseparably (united) and that without the distinction of the natures being taken away by such union, but rather the peculiar property of each nature being preserved and being united in one Person and subsistence....etc.

Hyperstatic Union = the divine & human nature put side by side in one person. But not united nature, but side by side, each perfect.

Under the adoption of this creed, Dioscurus, Timothy Aulerius, and poor Eutyclus, as well as others were condemned and those who were their followers were urged to give the views up. But the Egyptian bishops were not required at the time to declare on the issue and were told, when returning to Alexandria, to elect a new bishop for their oversight.

The council also enacted some 28 canons...many of them dealing with the problems that come from interfering in another man's oversight.

c. The Result

Chalcedon:

Results

(1) A bitter feud erupted physically and there was bloodshed and riot in the Eutybhan cities.. The church gained a permanent division when the Egyptian-Syrian churches became monophysite and remain that way unto this day. (The group is known today as Eastern Orthodox group.)

(2) Rome and Constantinople gained great influence through the division and were, in some ways, closer than they had been before. Leo the Great emerged as a large theological leader and his formula is still well received.

(3) The Gregorian church thought the Chalcedonian Creed Nestorian! They too, left the fold. This is the Armenian Orthodox church today and its varied segments.

Egyptian Orthodox (proclaimed Dioscurus bishop etc.)

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Ethiopian Church
Armenian Church
Syrian Orthodox
Jacobite*

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