

--Redemption requires a mediator who is both human and divine and the Logos, in the incarnation, does not cease to be God.

--Christ's humanity is permanent...to deny this would involve a docetic view of His sufferings.

The full text of the Tome is in the Post Nicene Fathers, Vol XIV, 2nd series. Takes about 25 minutes slow reading time.

These points were heartily opposed by Dioscurus but the vast majority of the council approved and this included the eastern representatives. The Council approved the Chalcedonian Creed of which the following is but an extract:

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 world 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.

With the adoption of this creed, Dioscurus, Timothy Aulerius, Eutychus, et al, were disenfranchised. They were given one year to change their minds and told to elect a new bishop in Alexandria. The position defined by Leo is known as the hypostatic union and is substantially the position expressed by orthodoxy ever since. It has had its challenges but it is the standard expression of the nature of Christ's person as you may see in our symbols.

d. The Aftermath

Peace did not come soon. Many of the eastern churches left the fellowship of the total community. These are known as Oriental Orthodox churches today. The Gregorian church in Armenia went with them...and fighting took place in rampant form in many of the eastern cities. Alexandria would never again be a theological center and in a few years...Islam would "end it all."