

Jesus The Perfect Shepherd









Chalcedon

One Person - Two natures

Without

- > Confusion
- > Change
- > Division
- > Separation

Light for Life

The Bible makes it absolutely clear that the Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.

In his one person two distinct natures, divine and human, are inseparably joined together, but not combined or mixed in any way.

While never ceasing to be fully God he also became fully man

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11. All his actions are the actions of the one Person

1 Cor 2:8 — "None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

John 6:62 - "Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!"

- Whatever may be affirmed of one nature may be affirmed of the Person
- Each nature does what is proper to it according to its attributes

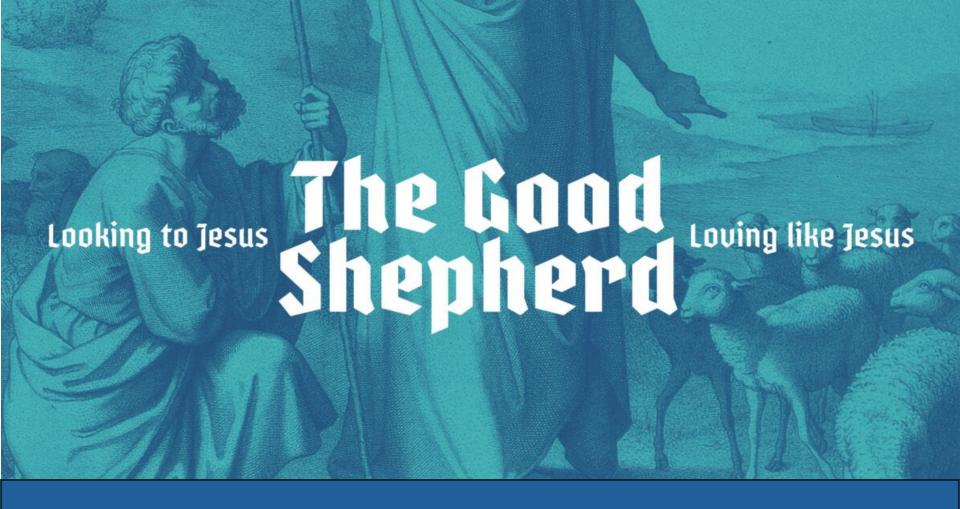
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- To redeem humanity he needed to assume humanity
- The Logos took human flesh which was able to suffer
- He needed experiential knowledge of the woes of mankind so that he could act with sympathy

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- The sacrifice for sin had to be of infinite value because the penalty demanded by an infinitely holy God was also infinite
- Only the divine Son could bear the wrath of God for all his people
- Salvation is not by divine fiat the incarnation was therefore a necessity

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Hebrews 2:17-18

"For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

A. Temptations – Tests – Suffering

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Question

In what ways do we sometimes underplay the humanity of Christ? Why do we do this and what are the consequences?

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- 2)Cleansing
- 3)Confidence

Question 1

Jane is a Christian. She suffers with a chronic disability. Her husband has informed her that this is not what he signed up for and he is going to leave her for a woman at work. She is very angry with her husband but more than that she feels anger and bitterness towards God. How would you help her?

Question 2

Peter has been a Christian for over 25 years. During all that time he has struggled with pornography. Most of the time he has it under control, but a couple of times a year he gives in to the temptation. He seeks your counsel with a question, "After I have sinned I feel so ashamed of myself and it makes me wonder whether I am a real Christian. Surely I should have conquered this temptation by now." How would you help him?