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There are believers who are out working for the Lord, but in Revelation chapter 2 many no longer love the Lord and learn about the Lord. Then in

Hebrews 6:1a therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity...

God and Jesus Christ are concerned about believers knowing Him and loving Him. Look at other things that some believers know but we have to move on in our knowing:

Hebrews 6:1b not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

Few believers know about the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ.

Now we have a list of verses that proclaim that Jesus is God.

John 1:14 And the Word (deity) became flesh (humanity) and dwelt among us (Hypostatic) and we saw His Glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Colossians 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form

John 10:30 I and the Father are one

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Romans 1:4 who was declared the Son of God, with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord

John 17:5 And now, Father glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

Hebrews 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power

John 20:28 Thomas answered Him, “my Lord and my God”

John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made

Matt. 16:16 Simon Peter replied ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God

Genesis 1:26 Then God said ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...

Philippians 2:6 Who, though He was in the form of God (Hypostatic) did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped

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Matthew 1:23 Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call His name Immanuel' which means God with us

Hebrews 1:8 But of the Son He says (this is God the Father speaking to God the Son) 'Your throne, O God (God the Father calls God the Son, God) is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom

Hebrews 1:1-2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, (this is God the Father speaking to God the Son) whom He appointed the Heir of all things through whom also He (referring to God the Son and the Humanity of Jesus) created the world.

Titus 2:13 Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God even Savior Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things were created through Him and for Him.

John 20:31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son

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of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name

John 1:10 He (Jesus Christ) was in the world and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

1 Corinthians 2:6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor or the rulers of this age who are passing away. Well, then what are they to know?

Colossians 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

This is the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ which very few set their thinking on, the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ. What He is doing today is getting ready for tomorrow.

Philippians 3:13 (NIV) Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have laid hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.

I am afraid that many are satisfied with what they have learned and they do not need to keep learning more and more in the word. Then

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Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus.

We saw in Hebrews 6:1 and now in Philippians 3:14 referring to **pressing on in the learning Word of God**. It means to pursue the Word of God.

Hebrews 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

There simply is not very many pastors who are even able to teach *solid food*.

Now look at

Hebrews 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Ok, right here we have few who truly know and understand the *blood of Christ*. The Hypostatic Union and the Blood of Christ are not understood by many believers. Few understand and love the Blood of Christ which is the Spiritual Death of Jesus Christ. Few even understand *Spiritual Death*. Then in Hebrews 9:14 is **the eternal Spirit**. Few know how to be **empowered by the Holy Spirit, by faith alone in the Holy Spirit**. How many people understand the *unblemished* body of Jesus Christ. Then what does it mean for God to *purify our consciences from works of death*? Oh, there is so much for us to be taught over and clearly about the Word of God.

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Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

Here is what every pastor teacher should spend their lives doing, to teach with *all wisdom*.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand firm mature and made complete assured in all the will of God.

People, we need to pray for One Another daily. But remember for what you are praying for, that all the believers will stand firm mature and made complete.

So, we have to know the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ.

Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ

1. Definition: In the person of Jesus Christ are Two Natures Inseparable, united, without mixture or loss of separate identity; without loss or transfer of properties or attributes, the union being Personal and Eternal.
2. Scriptures which testify of the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ: John 1:1-14; Romans 1:2-5; Romans 9:5; Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 2:14.
3. The incarnate person includes His Deity.
4. The incarnate person of Christ includes true humanity.

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5. The Two Natures of Christ: Divine and Human, are united without transfer of attributes between these two natures.
6. No attribute of the essence of Deity was changed by Incarnation.
7. Therefore the Union of Divine Essence, the person of Christ must be considered.
8. We have a false interpretation of the Hypostatic Union.
9. Therefore, Jesus Christ, the God-man has one hypostasis; one essence forever and the attributes of both the divine and human nature belong to The One Person of Christ.
10. The necessity for the humanity of Christ. There are four reasons why Christ had to become a member of the human race.
 - A. The first reason Christ had to become a member of the human race is because as God He cannot save use.

Deity can plan it, but deity cannot execute the plan. It takes humanity to execute the plan. There is no way any member of the Godhead could die on the cross for our sins because all members of the Godhead have the same essence, they are all sovereignty and sovereignty cannot be subject to death.

Scripture in Philippians chapter 2, says *that Jesus Christ became obedient unto death of the cross*, but sovereignty cannot change any of the characteristics of deity. Eternal life cannot die. The principle of omnipresence cannot reduce itself to one point, immutability cannot change any of the characteristics of deity.

There is no way that Jesus Christ as God could die for our sins. He had to become man to do this. But He could as the God-man but He cannot as God because, remember, every

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characteristic of deity is immutable and unchangeable. When Jesus Christ was on the cross He died in His humanity and without changing He deity but by the cross He did in His Humanity and without changing His Deity but by being united to His deity.

Now the question: *what happened to the deity of Christ on the cross?* It remained in the hypostasis! There is one primary reason for this study: His Deity remained in the hypostasis without change. The Deity of Christ cannot be changed in any of the characteristics.

So in order to become our Savior, Christ had to become a man and not only a man, but He had to be impeccable, and no sin nature, no imputation of Adam's sin and no personal sin. This is proclaimed in Philippians 2:7-8; and Hebrews 2:14-15. So here is the first reason for the fact that Christ had to become a man.

- B. The Second reason, to be a mediator. A mediator must be equal with both parties in the mediation. A mediator is defined in Job. A mediator pulls two parties together by being equal with both parties. The equality is very important as in Job 9:2 and verses 32-33—makes it very clear what a “*daysman*” or mediator is. In 1 Timothy 2:5-6 we see the fulfillment of mediatorship in the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.

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For example, in the mediatorship involved in the Scripture we have God as party of the first part, and we have the human race as party of the second part. Now a mediator, to pull them together, to establish a bridge, has to be equal with God. The only one to be equal, must be true humanity. Therefore, Jesus Christ is to be the God-man, the only mediator. “There is one mediator between God and man, and man Christ Jesus”. Man – His humanity and Christ as His deity. And by the way the, the phrase *perfect humanity* is so important in the study of the infiltration of part man and part angel in Genesis chapter 6.

- C. Priesthood This is emphasized in Hebrews 7:4-5, 14 & 28; 10:5, & 10-14. In these passages it is very clearly delineated that a priest is a man. It is very important to know that a priest must be a member of the human race, a bonafide man, not an angel. This is why Melchizedek was a member of the human race. He ministered to Abraham as a priest was a true man and not a Christophany. Melchizedek was not a Christophany, he was a true man. He was not a member of the Jewish family. He was also in the same category as Jesus Christ because he was the King of Salem as well as a priest. As a King-priest he ministered to Abraham. It is necessary, then, to realize that you and I are priests because we are truly members of the human race. As a part of our eternal salvation, we were born into the family of God and Church Age and into the priesthood. Every believer in this dispensation is a priest. The reason for that is the intensity of the angelic conflict and the importance of the believer entering into the tactical victory of the angelic conflict, most Jews were not primary members in the Angelic Conflict.
- D. There is a fourth reason why Jesus had to be a man because God is not a liar! God cannot lie! There is no condition under

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which God can lie, it is blasphemous to even suggest or imply that God is a liar. Veracity is one of the characteristics of the essence of God. God cannot tell anything but the truth and God when He makes a promise He must keep the promise, and in this case God promised David.

That is when God poured out for David the Davidic Covenant. God said to David. No matter whether you failed or succeed, whether you are good or bad, I am going to make you an unconditional promise that you will have a son in your line who will rule not just Israel, but will rule the entire world and that He will rule it forever, and that your dynasty is the one dynasty in all of human history that will be perpetuated into eternity. Your dynasty will rule in the Millennium and your dynasty will rule forever, so that your dynasty will outlast any dynasty in human history. This completely true statement by God was promised in 2 Samuel 7:8-16; and in Psalm 89:20-37.

And there is no way that this could be fulfilled except one way and that is for Jesus Christ to come in the line of David. This could only happen by Jesus Christ being a member of the human race and again Jesus Christ being resurrected and Jesus Christ by returning for the second phase of the Angelic Conflict victory finds Christ returning to the earth. Among other things He will rule forever. The first 1000 years merely illustrate the truthfulness of God but He is going to rule forever.

Birth, Death, Burial, Resurrection and Ascension – that is the first phase of the victory in the conflict. “Operation footstool” (named by R.B.Thieme) is the second phase and in between we have the Church Age where we have the “tactical victory” (also so name by R.B. Thieme) and the tribulation which God

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promised to Israel the completion of the Age of Israel. They were minus 7 years when the Church Age began, so they picked up their final 7 years and by the time that Jesus Christ returns to the earth every promise has been fulfilled up to that point.

There is so much to know from the Word of God, just to fulfill this point in the Hypostatic Union.

11. Everything verbally communicated by Christ during the incarnation came from one of three sources came
 - (1) from His Deity John 8:58;
 - (2) from His Humanity John 19:28, Jesus said ‘**I thirst**, and
 - (3) the hypostatic Union—all His calls for salvation, like **Matthew 11:28 “come unto me you that labor and are heaven laden and I will give you rest.”**
12. Now this deals with Hypostatic Union in the person of Jesus Christ in a few verses.
 - A. The Attribute which is true of His whole person and attributes true of His own person include redeemer, or Savior. This looks at the God-man, both divine and human natures are essential to the function of Christ as Savior.
 - B. Attributes, true only of His deity but the whole person is the subject. This means the God-man. So the God-man is the subject, but the attribute in this point is that which is true only of His Deity, like that in *John 8:58*—God-man is the subject, Jesus Christ as the God-man said *before Abraham was, I was eternally*” But the attribute He mentioned is an attribute of deity only. And it applies only to His divine nature. So we have

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attributes which are true only of His Deity, but the whole person, the God-man is the subject.

- C. Attributes true only of His humanity, but the whole person is the subject. Then in John 19:28 ‘When Christ was on the cross, it was the God-man who said ‘I thirst’ and that is an attribute true only of His humanity, but the subject was the God-man or Christ in hypostatic Union. In John 8:58 the God-man is speaking but He said “I existed. So this is an attribute of His deity only! So here Jesus Christ speaks, The God-man speaks but He mentions an attribute of deity. Again the God-man speaks, but the attribute mentioned in the verse is relevant only to deity.
- D. The person of Christ is described according to the divine nature but based on the human nature, Revelation 1:12-18. In other words Christ is described as the one who was dead but now is alive in Revelation 1:18. Now the deity of Christ is in evidence, but death is only possible to the humanity of Christ. Deity does not die.
- E. The person is described according to the human nature, but the base is of the divine nature. John 6:62 The son of man belongs to the human nature. The Son of Man ascending up where He was before applies only to the divine nature. So in John 6:62 the Son of Man ascending up where He was before, you have the fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of Man is a title of His Humanity, but ascending up where He was before only belongs to His Deity.
- F. The person of Christ described by His divine nature but again is based on His two natures. John 5:25-27. Here Jesus Christ as the Son of God spoke to those who are spiritually dead, and

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those who heard having positive volition lived! But in the future Christ will execute judgment as the Son of Man, in His human nature, so the person of Christ is described according to His Divine nature but the presence of both natures. Both natures will be present for the Great White Throne because Christ will always be in hypostatic Union.

Now believe it or not, there are yet many things yet to be covered in the Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ. In fact Troy Lacey has much more to deal with Hypostatic Union. Like in his work on Genesis. But here is a wonderful place to begin to understand Hypostatic Union. Above all this---Hypostatic Union of Jesus Christ is about the One Person of Jesus Christ in Two Natures!