

# Christology - Hypostatic Union

"The hypostatic union is the mysterious joining of the divine and the human in the one person of Jesus."

"The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ was the eternal God who became a human being - He did not possess a human nature until His birth in Bethlehem. This doctrine that Jesus Christ was both God and man simultaneously is known as the "hypostatic union." "Hypostatic" is derived from two Greek words, *hupo* which means, "under" and *histayme* which means, "to stand."

## The Hypostatic Union Defined

The hypostatic union can be defined as God the Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, came to earth and took human nature upon himself. Thus Jesus was fully God and fully human. He will remain this way forever.

Consequently when Jesus came to earth he took to himself an additional nature - one that is human. The result was that Jesus was God and humanity simultaneously - the God man.

## Jesus Was the God-Man (The anthropic Man)

A phrase that is often used to describe Jesus is a theanthropic man. Theanthropic comes from two Greek words, *theos*, which means God and *anthropos* which mean man or human being."

— Don Stewart ([https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/don\\_stewart/don\\_stewart\\_222.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/don_stewart/don_stewart_222.cfm))

"Hypostatic Union is the union of the two natures (Divine and human) in the person of Jesus. Jesus is God in flesh (John 1:1, 14, 10:30-33, 20:28, Phil. 2:5-8, Heb. 1:8). He is fully God and fully man (Col. 2:9), thus, He has two natures: God and man. He is not half God and half man. He is 100% God and 100% man. He never lost His divinity. He continued to exist as God when He became a man and added human nature to Himself (Phil. 2:5-11). Therefore, there is a "union in one person of a full human nature and a full divine nature." Right now in Heaven there is a man, Jesus, who is our Mediator between us and God the Father (1 Tim. 2:5)."

— Matt Slick (<https://carm.org/dictionary-hypostatic-union>)