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Galatians 4:4

"But when the fulness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,"



John 1:1,14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

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Philippians 2:6-7

"who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men."

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1. Definition:

The act whereby the eternal Son of God, without ceasing to be what he is, God the Son, took into union with himself a human nature.

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"...to be acknowledged in two natures without confusion, without change, without division, without separation, the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God , the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ..."

Council of Chalcedon (A.D. 451)

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"For in Him all the fullness of deity dwells in

Colossians 2:9

bodily form,"

2. Result: "Hypostatic Union"

A human nature was inseparably united forever with the divine nature in the one person of Jesus, yet with the two natures remaining distinct, whole and unchanged, without mixture or confusion

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The Incarnation 3. Outworking in Jesus' life Jesus accepted the limitation or restriction of use of his divine attributes in order to live life fully as man

 In the consciousness of Jesus, the God-man, he accepted the limitations of what it is to be fully human

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Illustrations

• Luke 2:52 – "And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

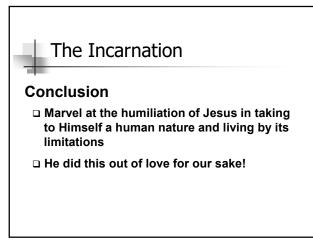
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• Mark 13:32 – "But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, *nor the Son,* but the Father alone."

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