

The Apostles' Creed: Second Article

The Two Natures of Jesus Christ

Today, we are talking about the phrase in the Apostles' Creed that says that Jesus Christ is *[God's] only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary*. This tells us about the two natures of Christ, that He is fully divine and fully human.

What's one plus one equal? Two; one plus one always equals two, right. What if I told you I knew of a case where one plus one equals one? You'd think I was crazy, wouldn't you? Well, Jesus is fully divine and fully human. That means He is 100% divine and 100% human. But He is only one Person, not two. I can't tell you how this works. It's just something we take on faith. I can tell you why it is and why it must be so.

The Creed says He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. He is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Unlike Hercules, who was said to be half-god and half-man because he was the son of Zeus and a human woman, Jesus is true God and true Man, not half-and-half.

Only the death of God would pay the price for the sins of the whole world. But God can't die. So, He had to become a man to die to pay the price for the sins of the world. He had to be one of us, so He could live under the Law like us and die for us. But He had to be holy and live a holy life. Only God is holy and able to live a holy life. If Jesus isn't fully divine and fully human, we would not be saved because His death wouldn't have paid the price for our sins. I'm thankful Jesus is fully divine and fully human, aren't you?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that You are fully divine and fully human. Because You are, our sins are forgiven through Your precious death. Thank You for forgiving us and giving us life through Your dual nature. Amen.