

The Birth of Jesus: Unity Between God and Man

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The bond between man and God is broken; there is no way we can _____ with God and _____ with God unless Jesus Christ binds us together.

God is, by definition, _____ and _____

Man after the fall is, by definition, _____ and _____

Before Jesus reconciled sinful man and holy God, He first brought together the nature of man and the nature of God into One Being – _____!

The Bible affirms that Jesus was authentically _____ ...

John 1:14 – *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*Examples of the true humanity of Jesus:

- **John 4:6** Jesus wearied of His journey
- **Matthew 9:8** Jesus ate
- **John 19:26** Jesus grew thirsty on the cross
- **John 11:35** Jesus wept.

Jesus did not _____ His divinity to take on His human nature – the two natures exist at once within Jesus.

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Colossians 2:9-10 – ⁹*For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, ¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

*New testament figures who identified Jesus as God in the flesh:

- Paul, Romans 9:5
- The apostle Thomas, John 20:28
- The Apostle John, John 1:1
- The author of Hebrews, Hebrews 1:8
- The Apostle Peter, 2 Peter 1:1
- Jesus Himself, John 8:58, John 10:30

This doctrine is often referred to as the _____ – the fact that Jesus was at the same time, truly divine and truly human.

What problems arise if we see Jesus as less than truly man, or less than truly God? _____

The God-man Jesus Christ _____ our relationship with God, binding man and God together by defeating sin and death.

Hebrews 2 – ¹⁴*Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

Man – stands as an _____ to God because of his sin.

God – acts justly by sentencing man to _____.

Jesus – steps into _____ and lives free of sin.

Jesus – dies on behalf of sinful man, paying the full _____ we owe.

God – _____ Jesus from the dead, declaring sin defeated.

Man – places his _____ in Christ, and is himself placed in Christ

John 17:6 – *“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.*

WORD FOCUS: **Manifested** – Εφάνέρωσά (hay-fan-AY-row-say)
I make known, I clarify, I cause to be apparent.

John 17:20-23 – ²⁰*“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

Jesus _____ Himself to mankind so that mankind could be _____ to God forever.