

The Incomparable Christ

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Chapter 12 -- The Twofold Nature of Christ

Why is the twofold nature of Christ a mystery to us?

WE HAVE NO ANALOGIES IN OUR OWN EXPERIENCE WITH WHICH TO COMPARE [P. 128, LAST PARTIAL SENTENCE CONTINUING ONTO P. 129]

What statement best summarizes the dual nature of Jesus Christ? (hint: p. 130, first paragraph)

"THE SON OF GOD WAS NOT CHANGED INTO A HUMAN BEING, NOR DID THE MAN JESUS RISE TO A STATE OF DEITY [P. 130, 1ST SENTENCE]

Did Jesus ever allow His two natures to act independently of each other?

NO, HE ALWAYS ACTED AS ONE PERSON [P. 130, 2ND FULL ¶, FIRST TWO SENTENCES]

What instance in Christ's life does the author cite as an example of the answer to the above question?

CHRIST SLEPT IN THE BOAT BUT CALMED THE STORM [P. 130, 2ND FULL ¶, 3RD & 4TH SENTENCES]

In what way did Jesus refer to Himself as a demonstration that His two natures were not contradictory?

HE REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS I; HE NEVER SPOKE OF HIMSELF IN THE PLURAL [P. 131, 1ST FULL ¶]

What is the value of the two natures united in Christ?

EACH NATURE GAVE VALUE TO THE OTHER [P. 132, 1ST FULL ¶, 1ST SENTENCE]

Why is the answer to the last question so important?

WITHOUT OUT EACH, CHRIST'S HUMAN DEATH WOULD HAVE BEEN MARTYRDOM AND HIS DIVINE NATURE ONLY WOULD HAVE GIVEN HIM NO LINK TO HUMANITY, THUS MAKING REDEMPTION EMPTY [P. 132, 1ST FULL ¶, LAST TWO SENTENCES]

Of what do the two natures assure us?

HE IS WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP US [P. 132, 3RD FULL ¶, LAST TWO SENTENCES]

Is Jesus still human?

YES [P. 132, LAST ¶ CONTINUING TO P. 133]

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indissoluble -- unable to be dissolved or separated

intelligible -- understandable