Hypostatic Union Defined

- I. A term used to describe how God the Son, Jesus Christ, took on a human nature, yet remained fully God at the same time.
- II. Jesus has always been God. (John 8:58; 10:30).
- III. At the Incarnation Jesus became a human being. (John 1:14)
- IV. The addition of the human nature to the divine nature is Jesus, the God-man.
- V. That means one Person, fully God and fully man.
- VI. These two natures (human and divine) are inseparable. Jesus will forever be the God-man, fully God and fully human, two distinct natures in one Person.
- VII. These two natures (humanity and divinity) are not mixed, but are united without loss of separate identity.
- VIII. Jesus Christ existed before he was virgin conceived and born in human flesh. "Before Abraham, I Am" (John 8:58 and John 10:30) "I and the Father are one".
- IX. When Jesus was conceived and born, He became a human being in addition to being God. (John 1:1) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:14) "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."
- X. Jesus became a human being to identify with us (Heb. 2:17) and, more importantly, to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. (Phil. 2:5-11)