

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS *from the past*

CREEDS of the
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Other persistent human tendencies are, either the anti-intellectual _____ of philosophy, or the theological _____ to philosophy rather than the triumph of discriminating theological reasoning.

One of the many scripture passages the Chalcedonian Creed supports: Luke 2:1-20

Historical background and context of the Chalcedonian Creed:

Key summary statements:

Jesus is "one _____" consisting of "two natures" (human and divine).

Jesus is fully human and _____.

The deity and humanity of Christ remain _____ and are not blurred together.

Chalcedonian Creed

Following the holy fathers, we confess with one voice that the one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is perfect in Godhead and perfect in manhood, truly God and truly man, and that he has a rational soul and a body.

He is of one substance with the Father as God, he is also of one substance with us as man. He is like us in all things except sin. He was begotten of his Father before the ages as God, but in these last days and for our salvation he was born of Mary the virgin, the mother of God, as man.

This one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten is made known in two natures which exist without confusion, without change, without division, without separation.

The distinction of the natures is in no way taken away by their union, but rather the distinctive properties of each nature are preserved. Both natures unite into one person and one substance.

They are not separated or divided into two persons but they form one and the same Son, Only-begotten, God, Word, Lord Jesus Christ, just as the prophets of old have spoken concerning him and as the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us and as the creed of the fathers has delivered to us.