

The Christological Understanding of St. Maximus the Confessor Regarding the Natures of the Hypostasis of the Incarnated Son of God

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Abstract

The composed hypostasis of our Saviour Jesus Christ is not one and the same with the composed nature, according with Saint Maxim thinking and confession. This specification has many motives firstly that the composed Hypostasis does not have its parts on the same age by coming together to existence. Then, the Hypostasis is not just the nature or the general being in concrete but the nature with the properties specific to each hypostasis.

Saint Maxim the Confessor, teaching about the composed hypostasis of our Saviour Jesus Christ, draws attention to the fact that although is under a species, it is not composed because of it, but because of the nature which, being composed, includes the species of a certain category under which it is. The Saviour Jesus Christ differs from us, which are one composed nature, because He is one composed hypostasis with two natures and not the hypostasis of one composed nature as man.

Saint Maxim confessed that the Saviour Christ is real God and real Man. The composed hypostasis of Lord Christ is not equivalent with the natures fusion and wills, the unity of these in one hypostasis surpassing both the separation and the fusion.