

= same substance as the Father, that he is truly man and truly God. They thought that settled the matter, but then they had a new problem. How is it after all that Jesus Christ is really man and really God? Apollinarius had a simple suggestion. He said, Jesus has a human body, a human soul, and the divine spirit takes the place of the human spirit. The council of Constantinople hated to criticize Apollinarius because he was a great Christian who had stood strongly against the Arians through those difficult years, but they declared this was definitely heretical because He is fully man and He is fully God and yet He is one Person. The discussion continued. At the Council of Ephesus Nestorianism was condemned because they said the Nestorian view was making two persons, a divine person and a human person. There is only one God, but there is a distinction. Therefore we must say that all those who say that Mary was the Mother of God because Mary was only the Mother of the human Jesus, that they are heretical. The Nestorians were cut out of the Church and they went over to Asia and they led thousands of people to believe in Christ and did a tremendous missionary work, but then persecution put an end to their teaching in the Orient. Destroyed Christians there, great churches disappeared. Nestorianism was ruled out of the western Christian church in 431 and now it is only a fact of history.

Then some went to the other extreme. They said, Of course he is not two persons; he is one person. He is one spirit, only one spirit. So they called them monophysites, one spirit. So at the Council of Chalcedon, orthodox Christians believed that the whole matter was settled and the conclusion was made and orthodox Christians ever since held to it. But what did it say? It simply denied all attempts to explain, and takes the simple Biblical facts