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**THE CLASSIC MODEL OF THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE CHALCEDON FORMULA
AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN AFFIRMING ADVENTIST CHRISTOLOGY**

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ABSTRACT

This study affirms the basic premise that the statement formulated by the ecumenical council of Chalcedon became a "formula for all ages." All subsequent errors in Christology could be detected by careful comparison of new ideas with the declaration of the Fathers of Chalcedon. The Chalcedon formula articulated its position that provided a confession on the unity of the person of Jesus Christ.

The concept of the relationship of the two natures in Christ has been explained by the Council as communication idiomatum or communication of properties. The definition condemned those who like Eutyches deny the natures and those who like Nestorius separate the natures of the Savior.

The Chalcedon formula presents a paradoxical approach in explaining the relationship of the divine and human natures of Christ. Paradox becomes a new explanation to all doctrinal points, which cannot be explained by logic and analogy. The theology of paradox encourages Christian believers to admit the truth of two contradicting, logically incompatible, but equally necessary assertions highlighted in the statement "truly God and truly man."

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