

## **Major Event: His Life**

### **Lesson 3: Hypostatic Union**

**Scripture(s):** Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; Colossians 2:9

#### **Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:**

##### **Hypostatic Union**

Definition: In the person of the incarnate Christ are two natures, inseparably united without mixture or loss of separate identity, without loss or transfer of properties or attributes, the union being personal and eternal. Christ is God (undiminished deity) and man (true humanity), two distinct natures in one person forever. These 2 natures are inseparable and will remain eternally united in the Person of Christ.

##### **Scriptural Support:**

**Isaiah 9:6** “**For a child will be born to us**, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.”

**Micah 5:2** “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.”

As to His human origin, He is to be born in Bethlehem, but regarding His divine origin, He is said to be “from long ago, from days of eternity.”

**John 1:1,14:** Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God, became flesh (acquired true humanity), thus the hypostatic union.

**Colossians 2:9** For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

##### **The Necessity of the Hypostatic Union:**

Christ would need true humanity to receive the sins of mankind (1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 10:5). Apart from the union of humanity and deity, He could not have been mediator between God and mankind (2 Timothy 2:5-6).

##### **The Duration of the Union**

It is important to emphasize that the union of the 2 natures of Christ, the divine nature and the human nature united in one person, is eternal. Christ’s resurrected body was glorified and suited for heaven and will return to the Father in glorified humanity (John 17:5).