

Which Genus?

1. **The Idiomaticum Genus** - Christ has two distinct natures, human and divine, each of which has its own essential attributes, functions, and activities. The attributes, functions, and activities of either may be ascribed to the entire Person.
2. **The Maiestaticum Genus** - When the Son of God assumed the human nature, He imparted and communicated to it divine majesty, glory, and attributes. However, the human nature does not impart its attributes to the Divine nature so as to limit or diminish it in any way.
3. **The Apotelesmaticum Genus** - Whatever the Savior did and still does to save sinful mankind (His official acts) may not be ascribed to either of His natures exclusively, but must be ascribed to both natures conjointly.

Which Genus?	Bible Passages
	1 Peter 4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, <i>--The suffering (designated as an essential activity of the human nature) is ascribed to the whole person(Christ).</i>
	1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
	John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
	Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
	Galatians 1:4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
	John 5:27 "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.
	John 6:51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."
	1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
	Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed And her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."
	Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.
	Acts 3:15 "and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.
	1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Philippians 2:6-8 (NKJV)

6who, being in the form of God,
did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7but made Himself of no reputation,
taking the form of a bondservant,
and coming in the likeness of men.

8And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself
and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)

9Therefore God also has highly exalted Him
and given Him the name which is above every name,
10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

STATE OF HUMILIATION

Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV)

6 Who, being in very nature a God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature^b of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

^bthe form

STATE OF EXALTATION

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Explanation:

--The Christ is true God (equal to the Father)
--He did not remain as exclusively Divine (insisting upon using his equality with God),
--He did not fully use the power of His divine attributes, so that He might be our Servant
--The Christ took on a human nature (became man)
--To our eyes, God appearing as a Man-Servant
--Not fully and always making use of His divine attributes, He suffered and died.

Explanation:

-- In time the human nature receives exaltation and the Name Jesus (Yahweh saves)

--When the Christ has laid aside the infirmities of the flesh, He fully exercises his divine majesty.

Ephesians 4:9-10 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

He did not always conceal His divine nature. John 11:40-44(Lazarus), Matthew 17:1-2(transfiguration)

Divine Nature	Human Nature
"the mystery of godliness" 1 Tim 3:16	
Rom 9:5	Rom 1:3
John 8:58	Luke 3:23
John 1:14, 18 Rom 8:32	Gal 4:4 Luke 1:35, 2:7
John 21:17 John 2:23-25	Luke 2:52 Mark 13:32
Matthew 28:18 Mark 4:39 Dan 7:14	John 18:12
1 Jn 1:2 John 10:18 John 5:26	Mt 16:21 1 Cor 2:8 Acts 3:15
Matthew 28:19-20 Eph 1:20-23 Eph 4:10	John 11:6, 14-15, 21

“Whatever Christ received **in time** He received according to His human nature(at the incarnation), not according to the divine nature(eternal generation).”

What about a fourth genus? **Formula of Concord, Ep. VIII, 39]** 20. When it is taught, and the passage Matt. 28, 18: *All power is given unto Me*, etc., is thus interpreted and blasphemously perverted, namely, that all power in heaven and on earth was restored, that is, delivered again to Christ according to the divine nature, at the resurrection and His ascension to heaven, as though He had also according to His divinity laid this aside and abandoned it in His state of humiliation. By this doctrine not only the words of the testament of Christ are perverted, but also the way is prepared for the accursed Arian heresy, so that finally the eternal deity of Christ is denied, and thus Christ, and with Him our salvation, are entirely lost if this false doctrine were not firmly contradicted from the immovable foundation of the divine Word and our simple Christian [catholic] faith.