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Summary

Ignatius of Antioch condemned Docetist doctrine as a heresy which was destroying Christianity. That doctrine made doubts in the orthodox knowledge. Docetist proponents did not believe that Christ had become a man in order to save the humanity. What they accepted was that He remained God and nothing but God while appeared in the world. The Catholic Church resolved that problem during the Council of Chalcedon in 451 by proclaiming Christ to be one person in two natures. The article presents the views of St. Ignatius whose anti-Docetist polemics strongly contributed to recover Catholic Creed in Jesus Christ the Son Of God who came to live on the Earth for the salvation of all people. The teachings of St. Ignatius justify the thesis that Christ truly, not apparently, was born, suffered, died, and rose for eternal life.