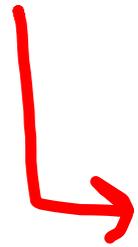


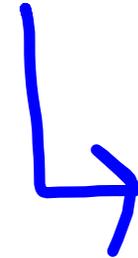


Heresy



a false belief  
or teaching

Orthodoxy



right  
teaching

- 1) All bishops
- 2) Called by Emperor
- 3) Validated by the pope Ecumenical

325 A.D.

Council of Nicaea

Emperor Constantine called a council of bishops to decide a conflict over Christ's divinity.

Arian Heresy

Arius: A priest who taught Jesus was not God, but the first and best creature God made.

Orthodoxy - St. Athanasius: a priest who taught against Arius that:

Jesus the man was the Son of God.

The Son of God was, is, and always will be God

Jesus is "of the same substance" as God the Father .

We believe in one Lord, homoousios  
consubstantial

Nicene  
Creed

- Jesus Christ
- eternally begotten of the Father
- God from God
- Light from Light
- True God from True God
- Begotten, not made
- Consubstantial (one in being) with the Father

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1) GOD

2) LIAR

3) MADMAN

**Apostles' Creed**

**Nicene Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again  
from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

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the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Councils of the Early Church and the Heresies they Corrected

## I. First Council of Nicaea, 325

Heresy:

Arianism - Christ as first creature, but  
not

equal to God Jesus → NOT GOD

Orthodox teaching: The Son of God,  
Jesus, is true God; the same  
substance as Consubstantial  
the God the Father (St. Athanasius)

Nicene Creed

1) Blasphemer (Liar) 2) Mad 3) God

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**II. First Council of Constantinople, 381 Heresy:**  
Macedonianism - **Holy Spirit as creature/angel, but not equal to God**

Orthodox Teaching: **The Holy Spirit is God - "Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified"**  
(St. Basil)

### III. Council of Ephesus, 431

Heresy:

Nestorianism - Christ as a union  
of two persons - Mary only the  
Mother of Jesus the Human

Orthodox teaching: Jesus Christ  
is One Divine Person with two  
Natures, Human and Divine: The  
Hypostatic Union -  
Jesus' two Natures are  
inseparable,  
even in Mary's womb, so Mary is  
Theotokos - "God-bearer",  
Mother of <sup>SAW</sup> Is  
God

## IV. Council of Chalcedon, 451

Heresy:

**ONE** Monophysitism: Christ as one person  
with only a Divine nature

Orthodox teaching reaffirmed that  
Jesus is one Divine Person with two  
Natures, 100% Human, 100% Divine

Tome of Leo the Great: Letter sent to the  
council explaining the  
Hypostatic Union = Jesus is one divine  
person with two nature (human + divine)

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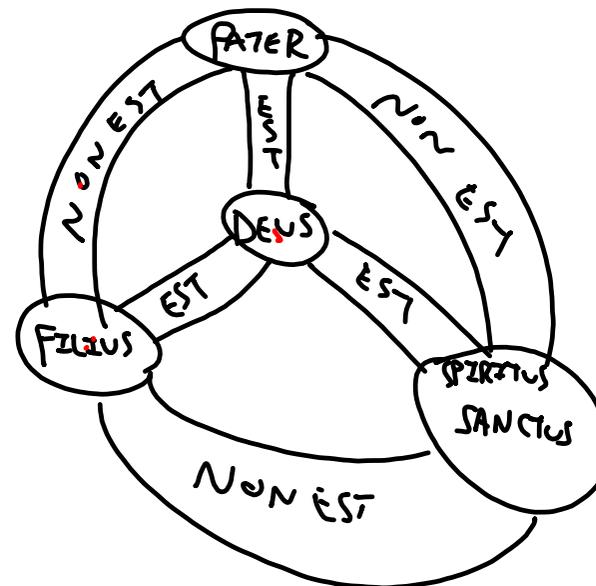
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## VI. Third Council of Constantinople, 680

Heresy: Monothelism - denied that Jesus had a human will

Sergius

Orthodox teaching: Jesus, having two natures, Divine and Human, has two wills, Divine and Human - the Human will, although separate, submits all things to His Divine will.



## VII. Second Council of Nicaea, 787

Heresy:

Iconoclasm - considered veneration  
of saints, images, relics idolatrous,  
"Image-breakers"

Orthodox teaching: Worship is due to  
God alone, but we can venerate  
saints, relics, and sacred images

Dulia: honor given to the saints ✓

Hyperdulia: special honor given to ✓

Mary, the Mother of God

Latria: adoration, worship given  
only to God

Colossians 1:15 - "Jesus is the visible icon  
of the invisible God"

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