

The Council of Nicea (325 A.D.)

The Creed presented at the council by Athanasius, a young deacon from the church in Alexandria and the champion of the orthodox view of Christ and a refutation of a creed offered by Arias which promoted a creed denying the deity of Christ.

We believe in one God, Almighty Father, maker of all things seen and unseen, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Begotten of the Father and only begotten that is, from the essence of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, Begotten, not made, of one essence with the Father.

Through whom all things were made, both the things in heaven and the things upon the Earth, who for us men and for our salvation, descended and became flesh and became Man, suffered and arose on the third day, and ascended into the heavens, and is coming to judge living and dead. We believe also in the Holy Spirit.

The Struggle for Purity

1. Legalism
2. Philosophy
3. False Religions

Inadequate views Christ and the Trinity

1. The denial of the Deity of Christ
2. Adoption Theory
3. Christ is Divine
4. Modalism- Jesus changing into different parts of the Trinity throughout time

The Struggle with Pagan Corruptions

1. Fetishism
2. Sacramentalism
3. Sacerdotalism
4. Female deity
5. Professionalism