

The Trinity Class 15 Nicene Creed Handout. 12-1-24

The Nicene Creed, 325 AD	The Nicene Creed, BCP 2019
<p>We believe in one God, the Father All sovereign, maker of all things visible and invisible;</p>	<p>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.</p>
<p>And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father, only begotten, that is of the substance of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God,</p> <p>By Whom all things were made, things in heaven and things on earth:</p> <p>Who for us men and for our salvation came down and was made flesh, and became man,</p> <p>Suffered</p> <p>and rose on the third day, ascended into heaven,</p> <p>and is coming to judge the living and the dead.</p>	<p>We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only-begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father;</p> <p>Through Him all things were made.</p> <p>For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, Was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.</p> <p>For our sake He suffered under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.</p> <p>On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.</p> <p>He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.</p>
<p>And in the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>We believe in the Holy Spirit,</p> <p>The Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.</p> <p>We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.</p> <p>We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.</p> <p>We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>
<p>And those that say, "There was when he was not," and "Before he was begotten, he was not," and that "He came into being from what is not," or those that allege, that the Son of God is "of another substance or essence" or "created" or "changeable" or "alterable," these the Catholic and Apostolic Church anathematizes.</p>	

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MODALISM:

Denies the persons of the Trinity.

Emphasizes the Unity of God.

Argues that the One God “manifests” Himself in different “roles.”

As the Father, God created. As the Son, God redeems. As the Holy Spirit, God works in the world today.

Started with Plato’s concept of God as a unity- a “monad.” A Monad cannot be divided into parts or persons. Thus, denies the Scriptural evidence showing the existence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as distinct individuals within God.

ARIANISM:

Denies the Unity of God as a Trinity by also using Plato’s concept of God as a Monad. Argues that the persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit do exist, but only the Father is God Almighty. The Son and the Spirit are inferior, created beings.

Both Heresies start from the same Greek philosophical concepts and go in opposite directions.