

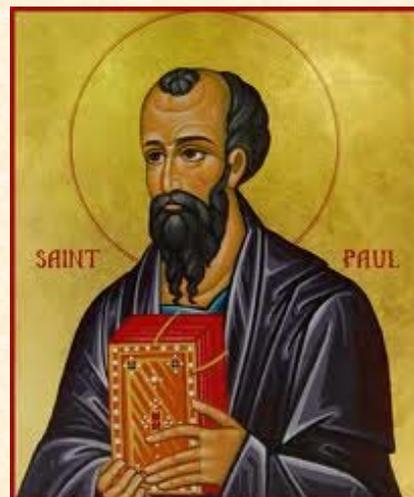
St. Paul



Paul's Proto-Creed mid-50s

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the scriptures; that **he was buried**; that **he was raised on the third day** in accordance with the scriptures; that **he appeared** to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5



The Apostles Creed

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord
- 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;
- 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 thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
- the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,
- The forgiveness of sins
- The resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

St. Paul and The Apostle's Creed

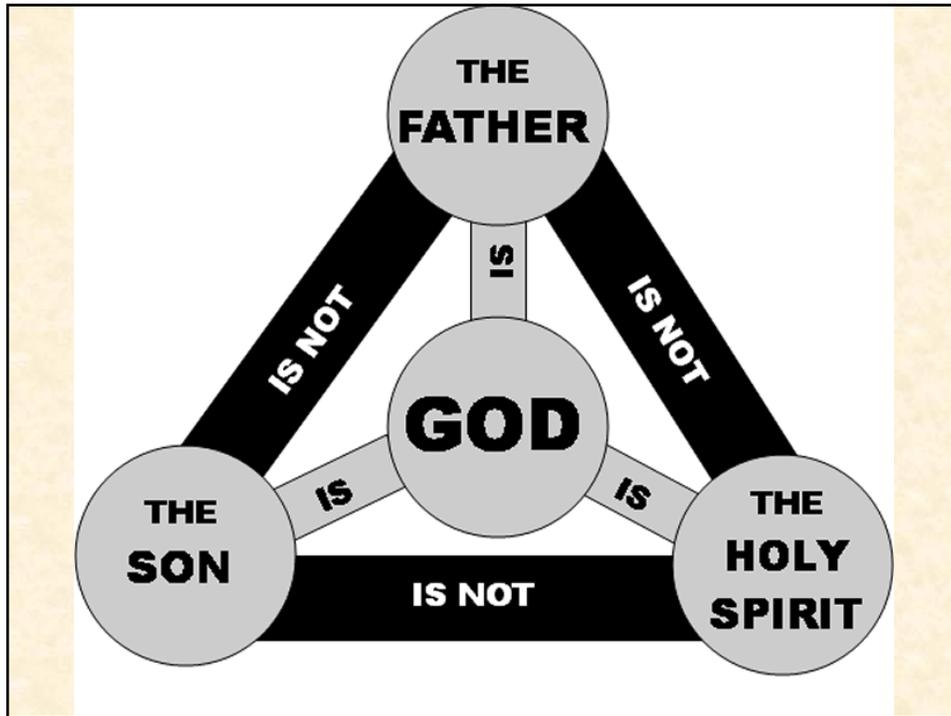
- Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;
- that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures;
- that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.
- After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.
- After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
- Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me.
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The Nicene Creed – 325 AD

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

I believe in One God

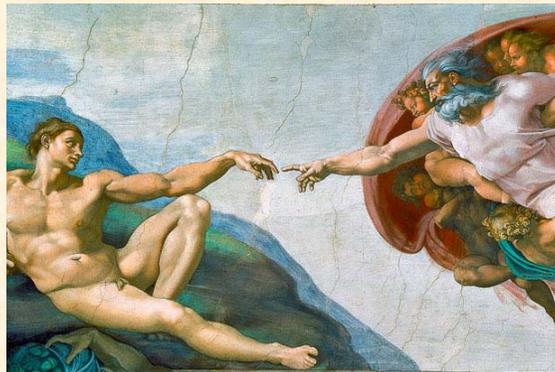




The Father Almighty

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible

- God Exists
- God needs nothing
- God created everything
- God has a plan
- God's plan pertains to every person and to each person
- God's plan is a drama

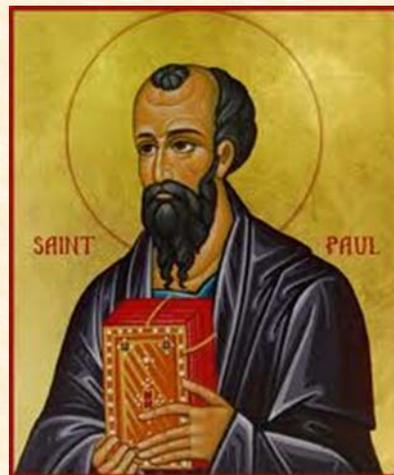


Jesus – Who He is, What He did

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Jesus – Who He is, What He did

- . . . For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles
1 Cor 1:22-23



The Apostles Creed – Who He is or What He did?

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The Nicene Creed – Who He is or What He did?

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Christology – Who Jesus Is

Jesus is Human

- Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? (Mark 6:3)
- And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Messiah.” Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. (Mark 8:29-30)
- **Arianism** - denies that the Son is of one essence, nature, or substance with God
- The Nicene Creed

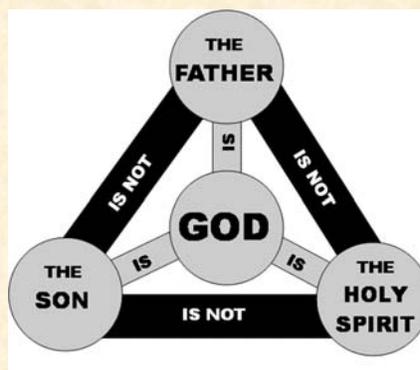
Jesus is God

- Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM.” So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area. (John 8:58-59)
- He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The others at table said to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” (Luke 7: 48-49)
- **Docetism** - teaches that Christ only “appeared” or “seemed to be a man, to have been born, to have lived and suffered
- Paul’s Proto-Creed

What He did

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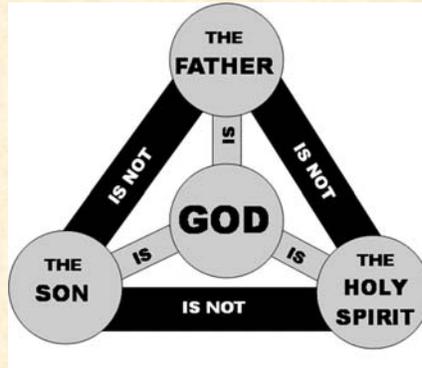
Against Docetism



Who He is

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Against Arianism



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Jesus was one person, and not two separate persons, yet possessing both a human and divine nature