

*****NAME TAGS, PLEASE *****

50+ Sunday Class

All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

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***** Sit UP FRONT & TOGETHER, PLEASE**

Because You Asked . . .

Your Questions & Topics

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Spring 2024

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50+ Schedule – Summer

Songs of Praise

Prayer

“Because You Asked”

Dinner & (Bat) Boat Cruise



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50+ Schedule – Summer 2024

June

- Fri, 6/7 – **Summer Social** –at Jo Anne Hendrix's. 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Dinner, Dessert & Soft Drinks provided. Otherwise, BYOB. Please **RSVP** via our weekly email.

July

- Thu, 7/4 – **Patriotic Pool Party** – at the Chapmans' with Young Adults & Unidos. BYO Beverage and an appetizer or dessert to share. Hot dogs and burgers provided.
- Fri, 7/26 – **Potlucks with Young Adults** – in various locations, from 6:30 - 9:30 PM.

Washington DC 2024
“Faith of Our Founding Fathers & Sustainers”
... with Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh ...





ASCENSION SUNDAY

*‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’
After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes,
and a cloud hid him from their sight.
(Acts 1:8-9)*



**THE FEAST OF
THE ASCENSION**

**CELEBRATING THE
DAY THAT JESUS
BEGAN WORKING FROM HOME**



Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Daniel Iverson & Michael Baughen

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Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
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Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, move among us all.
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the Living God, fill our lives with love.

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin
to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become
the righteousness of God.*

(NIV)

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“Because You Asked”

Because You Asked – 5/19/24

- 4/7 – Guest Teacher – Mark Hagen – Mark 5.1-20 – Temptations.
- 4/14 – *Because You Asked #33b* – Branches of the Church 2.
- 4/21 – Guest – Robt Dorrough & Bill Laughlin – God of Hope.
- 4/28 – *Because You Asked #33c* – Branches of the Church 3.
- 5/5 – Guest Teacher – Jeff Springer – Christian Contentment.
- 5/12 – *Because You Asked #* – [new location]
- 5/19 – *Because You Asked #* – [new, **interim location**]
- 5/26 – **No Class** – (Memorial Day Weekend)
- 6/2 – *Because You Asked #* –
- 6/9 – Guest Teacher – Stephen Hurd – “Thru the Valley...Part 2”
- 6/16 – *Because You Asked #* –
- 6/23 – Guest Teacher – Bo White – “Engaging Our Culture”
- 6/30 – *Because You Asked #* – ***Because You Asked – 5/19/24***

Church History

—Q32—What happened between the Old and New Testament?
(Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC)

—Q32a—How did Israel get where it is today?

—Q32b—How did the Samaritans come to be? Any today?

—Q32c—Explain the Jews' view of “Messiah”—then and today.

—Q33—Define & Distinguish: Coptic; Orthodox (Eastern, Greek, Russian); Roman Catholic; Protestant; Evangelical

—Q34—Are the following Christian?—Mormon? Jehovah's Witness? Christian Scientist? Scientologist? Unitarian? Deist?

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- Church History is a study in God's people responding to (heretical) teaching in the Church
- John 16:7-13—*It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you and ... he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment....* ¹³ *When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth....***

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- Catholic

John 17.17-23

Sanctify [my followers] in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

*¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they **may all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be **in us**, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity—

Branches of Christianity

- Catholic
 - 1054 AD □
 - Roman Catholic □ □ Orthodox
<West/Rome/Latin> <East/Constantinople/Greek>
 - 1517 AD □
 - Roman Catholic □ □ Protestant

<Matthew 13.24ff – Parable of Wheat & Tares>

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(Today ~ 2.3 - **2.6 B** out of 7.85 B = ~ 1/3)

- Roman Catholic □ □ Orthodox

(Today ~ 1.4 B) (Today ~ 220 M)

- Roman Catholic □ □ Protestant

(Today ~ 800 M – 1 B)

- Lutheran ~ 70-90 M

- Anglican ~ 110 M

- Methodist ~ 60-80 M

- Calvinist ~ 70-80 M

- Anabaptist ~ 100 M

- [Evangelical or Modern Protestant

~ 400-500 M]

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 - 364 – Council of Laodicea
 - 381 – Council of Constantinople I
 - 397 – Council of Carthage
 - 431 – Council of Ephesus
 - 451 – Council of Chalcedon
 - 553 – Council of Constantinople II

Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity—

Catholic Age – Seeds of Future Schism

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Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity



□ **THIS** is what we're headed towards

Because You Asked – 5/19/24

Why the FILIOQUE is so important

FATHER

proceeds from
the Father

HOLY
SPIRIT

SON

"and the Son"
(Filioque)



What is the "Filioque"

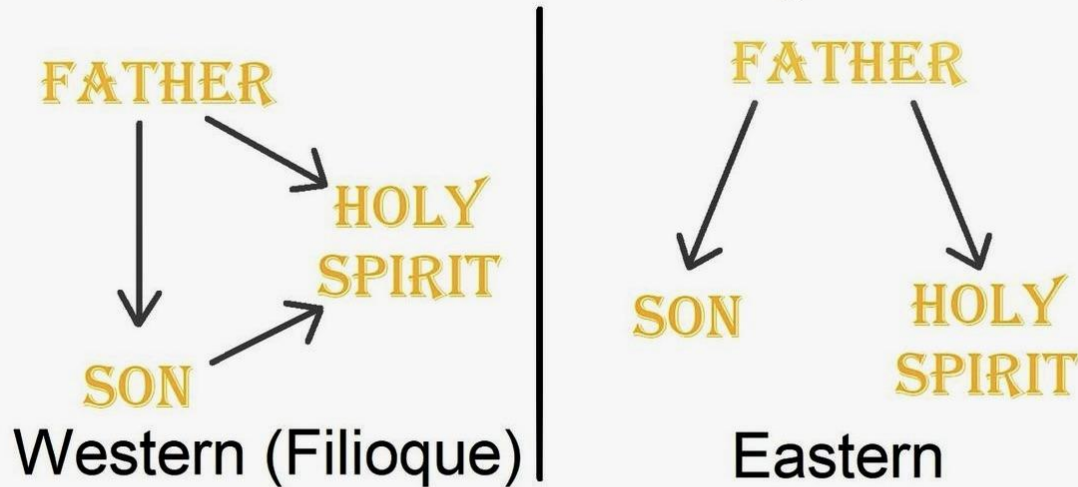
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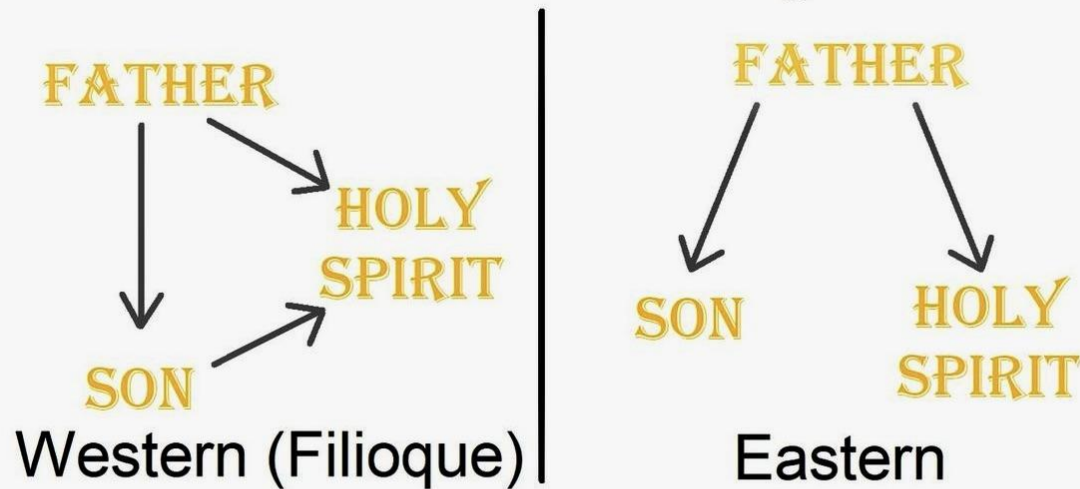


The Great Schism of 1054 divided the whole Church—West (Roman Catholic) & East (Eastern Orthodox)—largely based on whether the Nicene Creed (325) should say “...*the Holy Spirit...who proceeds from the Father*” only (Eastern view) or “...*the Holy Spirit...who proceeds from the Father **and the Son***” (Latin: “**Filioque**”—Western view).

West vs East Trinity model

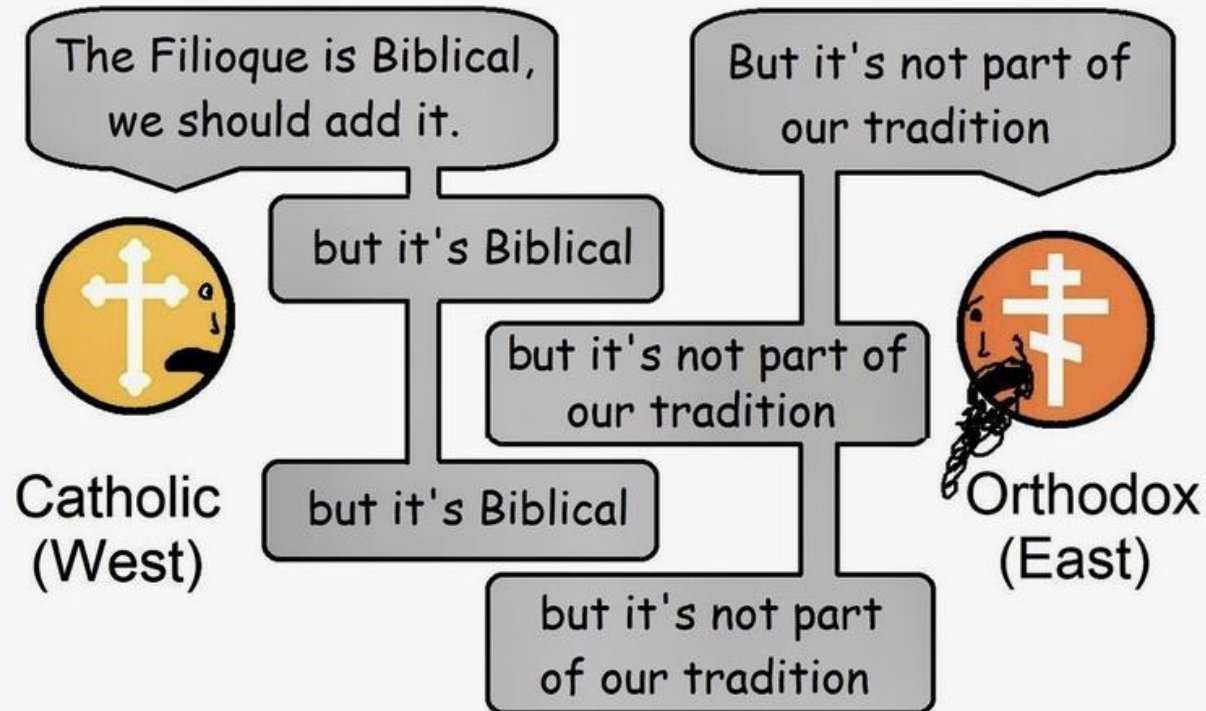


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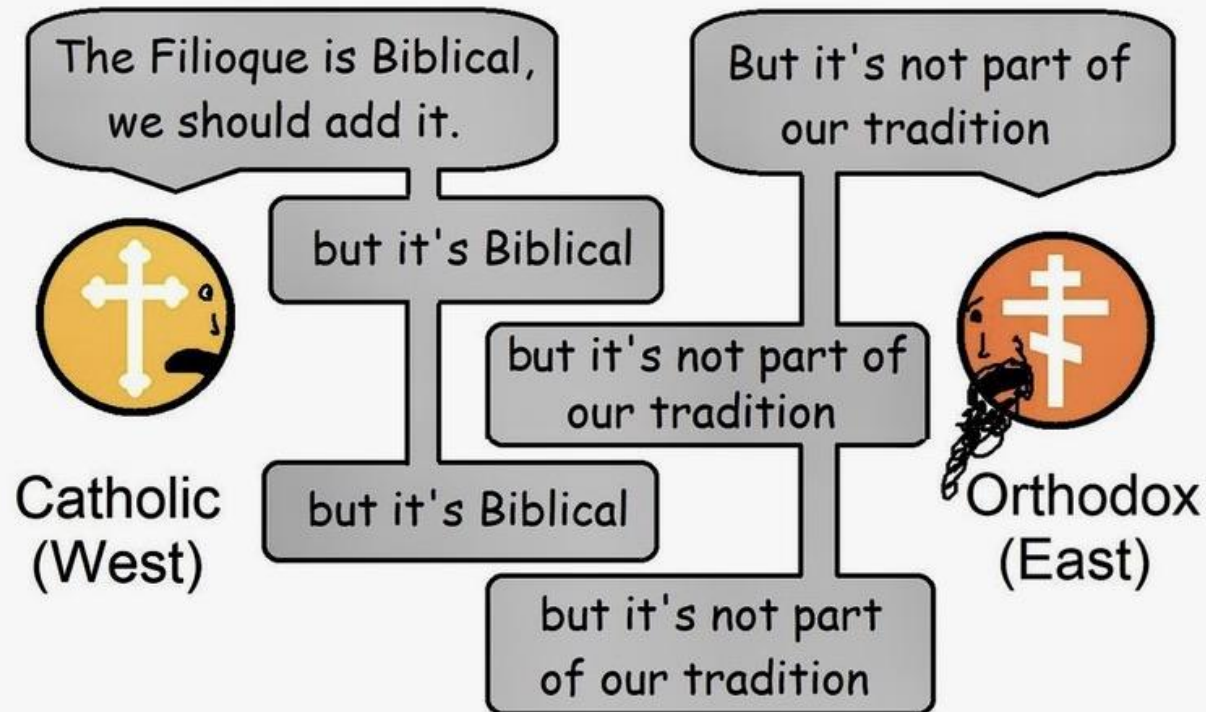


The West wanted to add “*and the Son*” to the Creed because it’s **Biblical**. Before his Crucifixion, Jesus says, “...when the Helper [Holy Spirit] comes, whom ***I will send to you from the Father***, the Spirit of truth, who ***proceeds from the Father...***” (John 15:26). Paul describes how “...***God has sent the Spirit of his Son*** into our hearts...” (Galatians 4:6), “...the ***Spirit of Jesus Christ...***” (Philippians 1:19). Between his Resurrection and Ascension Jesus said, “...***I am sending*** the promise of my Father upon you...” (Luke 24:49), and “Jesus breathed on them and said to them, ‘***Receive the Holy Spirit.***’” (John 20:22).

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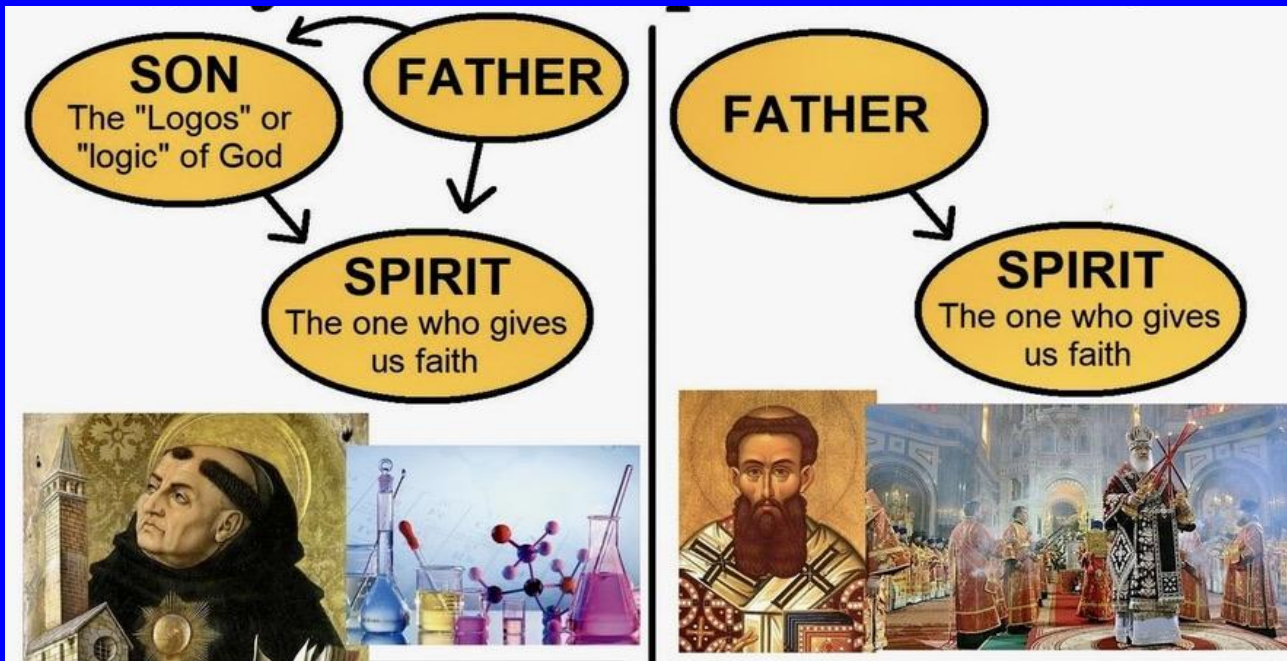


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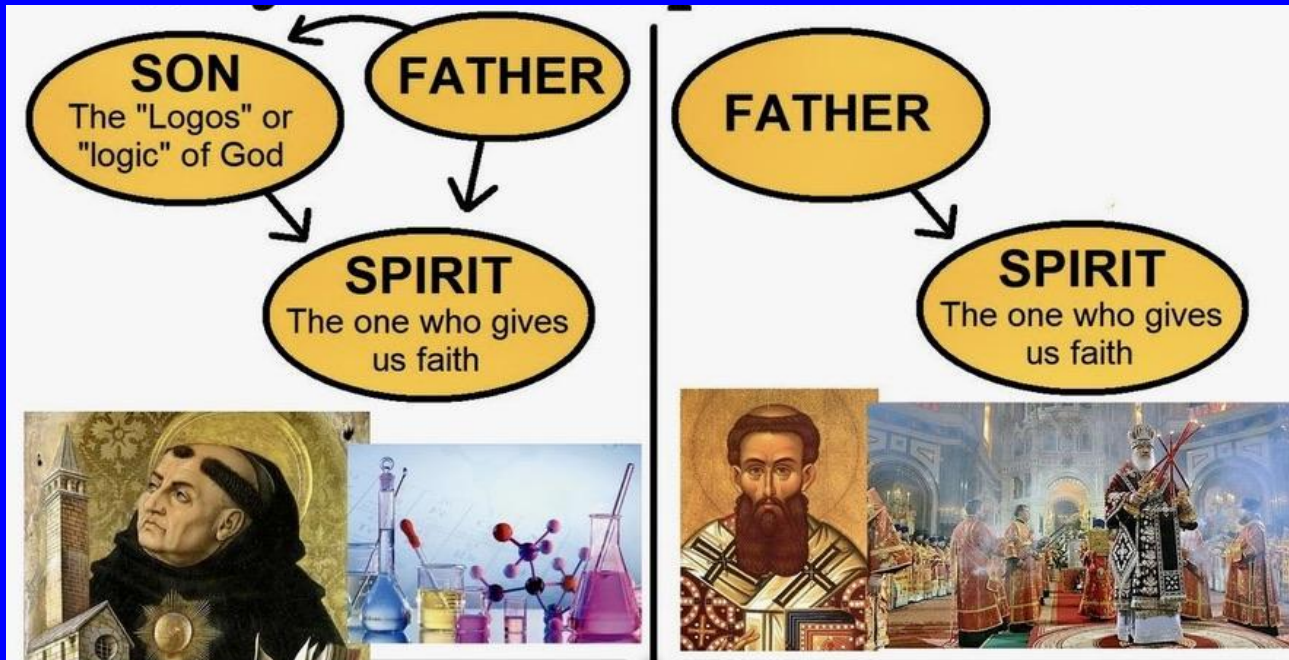


Some Protestants have questioned the importance of the Filioque because it was added to the Creed under the Pope's authority, which Protestants reject. However, the Pope didn't add it simply to flex his Papal muscles; he added it because the Western Church came to realize it was Biblical. Thus, Christians should support the Filioque addition, not based on Papal authority, but because it's Biblical.

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If the Holy Spirit also proceeds from the Son (the “Logos” – the Word or Logic of God), then our faith or spirituality finds its roots in God’s Word, understood through reason. Consequently, the ministerial pursuits of the Western Church have been far more intellectual, relatively.

If the Holy Spirit only proceeds from the Father and not the Son (Logos or Word), then our faith or spirituality would come from a more direct encounter with God thru mystical practices rather than reason. Thus, ministerial pursuits of the East have been more mystical than the West.

Difference: Rationalism vs. Mysticism



Western Rationalism



Eastern Mysticism

The West has a high view of human reason. Because the Holy Spirit is from the Son (Logos or Wisdom of God), Christians with this Spirit can reason about God. Thus, the West has done far more academic theology than the East.

The East is more skeptical about human reason. Faith is more about experiencing God by partaking of God's divine energies.

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- ~ 476 – Rome fell
- 590-604 – Pope Gregory I ends Federation of Bishops and begins singular leadership over all the churches
- 7th C. – Bishop of Rome claims to be superior

Difference: Sacrifice



How does
THIS save
us??

The West believes in Penal Substitutionary Atonement—Jesus died as a sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins. The West uses legal terms to describe how we are justified before God.

The East avoids legal terminology and instead speaks about being healed and purified. The East believes Christ defeated death on the Cross and assumed humanity to heal it from sin (which the West also believes).

Difference: Original Sin



How does
THIS affect
you?

The West's view of Original Sin comes from Augustine—from the moment of our conception, all of us are guilty of sin from Adam. The West distinguishes between original sin and particular sins we commit—we're guilty for both.

The East says we suffer the effects of sin in this world, but we are not guilty for Adam's sin, and infants are innocent because they have not yet committed any particular sins with their free will.

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 - Pope Leo sent a Cardinal-led legation to Constantinople to deny Patriarch Michael the title of “ecumenical patriarch” and to insist he recognize Leo's claim as head of all of the churches.
 - Upon Michael's refusal, Cardinal Humbert excommunicated him and, in return, Michael excommunicated the Cardinal and legates.

Western Intellectualism

The Holy Spirit
proceeds from
the Word/Logos

The source of our
spirituality is the logic
and Word of God

We can and should
study God by doing
theology academically



If we're studying God,
we should study God's
creation with Science

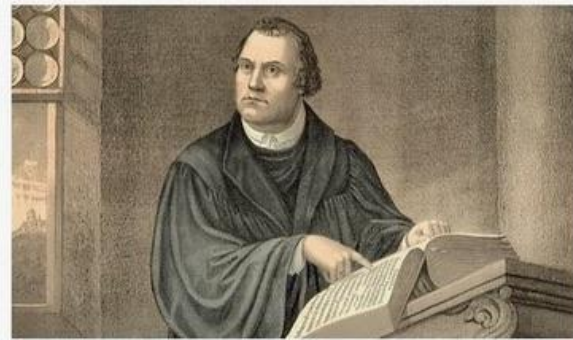
Time to start all the
greatest Universities!



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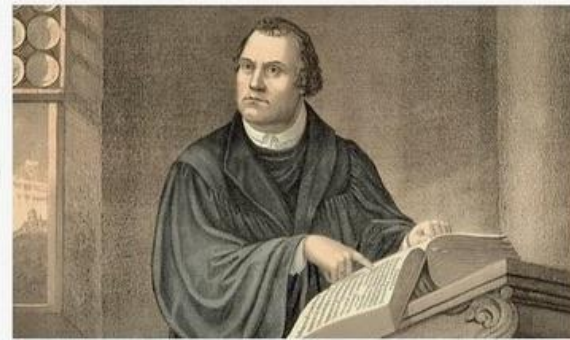


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A fundamental idea in the Protestant Reformation was *SOLA SCRIPTURA* (Latin: *Scripture Alone*)—people can learn to understand the Word of God by the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. Because the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Son of God (Living *Logos* or Word), then the Spirit can enlighten us to understand the Written *Logos* or Word of God. Before the Protestant Reformation, it was thought that only certain individuals could understand Scripture. But the Reformation said everyone with the Holy Spirit can learn to understand Scripture.

Next Class on 6/2/24
(NO Class next Sunday, 5/26)

Prayer

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