

The Nicene Creed: 1700 Years Later

“Who is Jesus?”

Colossians 1; John 1 and 3

October 19, 2025

The Lord’s Day Morning

- 30 Jesus claimed equality with God and validated his claim by the resurrection (Jn. 5:18).
- 60 Paul affirms Jesus is fully God, the “firstborn of all creation” (Col. 1:15–20). As the “firstborn,” Jesus is the uncreated supreme heir of the Father, sovereign over creation and the church.
- 90 John affirms that Jesus is fully God, “begotten,” but not made (Jn. 1:18; 3:16). As the “begotten” (*monogenes*), Jesus is the one-of-a-kind son, being infinite and eternal, with no beginning or end.
- 325 Council of Nicaea affirms that God is one being who exists as three distinct co-equal, co-eternal, and consubstantial persons. The Council denies Arius’ teaching that Jesus is a created being.
- 381 Nicene Creed finalized at the First Council of Constantinople.
- 2025 Over 2.5 billion people on every inhabited continent profess belief in the truths confirmed in Nicaea 1700 years ago.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made...