



The Kingdom Perspective

The 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed

Hello, this is Pastor Don of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome The Kingdom Perspective.

The year 2025 marks a hugely significant moment in the history of the Church. Seventeen hundred years earlier, Christian leaders from all over the Roman Empire met freely and openly for the first time to affirm the Scriptural and longstanding teaching of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In the decade leading up to that moment, controversy had broken out in the church of Alexandria, Egypt. An influential leader named Arius began teaching that, though Jesus was divine, He was not on the same level as God the Father. He was merely the first created being who in turn created everything else.

This heresy contradicted the clear teaching of Scripture—namely that there is only one Creator God (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6) and that Jesus was that Creator and, thus, worthy of worship (Colossians 1:15, John 1:1-3).

In the summer of AD 325, these Christian leaders, many of whom bore scars of persecution for their fidelity to Christ, gathered and hammered out a public statement, faithfully articulating the teaching of the Apostles and, indeed, of Jesus Himself. They accurately reminded the church that the pre-incarnate Son of God is “begotten not made”—that He is “of the same essence” or nature as the Father (Hebrews 1:3; Phil 2:1-11), fully sharing in the very being of the Father. Thus, there are not multiple divine beings but only one. The Son is “true God from true God”. There are not a hierarchy of gods, but only One who exists eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The impact of this clarification cannot be overestimated, for it provided a clear framework for a transformative way of looking at life and relationships, both in the church and in the world.

And that’s something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

~ **Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)**

“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

~ **Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV)**

The Nicene Creed of AD 325

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
begotten from the Father, only-begotten,
that is, from the essence of the Father,
God from God, light from light,

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true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one essence with the Father,
through Whom all things came into being,
things in heaven and things on earth,
Who because of us men and because of our salvation came down,
and became incarnate and became man, and suffered,
and rose again on the third day, and ascended to the heavens,
and will come to judge the living and dead,

And in the Holy Spirit.

But as for those who say, There was when He was not,
and, Before being born He was not,
and that He came into existence out of nothing,
or who assert that the Son of God is of a different hypostasis or essence,
or created, or is subject to alteration or change –
these the catholic and apostolic Church anathematizes.

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