

IV. THE PERSON OF CHRIST

A. Statements of the Doctrine

1. In the *Apostles' Creed* (recension of A.D. 700)

I believe

- I. In God the Father, Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth
- II. (1) And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord
(2) Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary
(3) Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell
(4) The third day He rose again from the dead
(5) He ascended into heaven
(6) And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty
(7) From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe

- III. (1) In the Holy Ghost
(2) The Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints
(3) The forgiveness of sins
(4) The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

2. In the *Nicene Creed* (A.D. 325)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things seen and unseen;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father; unique, that is, of the substance of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made, those that are in Heaven and those that are on earth, Who for us men and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man; He suffered and rose again the third day, ascended into Heaven, and is coming to Judge the living and the dead;

And in the Holy Spirit.

But those who are saying, "There was a time when He was not," and "Before He was begotten He was not," and "He came into being out of non-being," or are saying that His essence or substance is different, or created, or altered, or changed, the holy, universal, and apostolic Church accurses.

3. In the *Chalcedonian Creed* (A.D. 451)

Following the holy fathers, we teach with one voice that the Son (of God) and our Lord Jesus Christ is to be confessed as one and the same (Person), that He is perfect in Godhead and perfect in manhood, very God and very man, of a reasonable soul and (human) body consisting, consubstantial with the Father as touching His Godhead, and consubstantial with us as touching His manhood; made in all things like unto us, sin only excepted; begotten of His Father before the worlds according to His Godhead; but in these last days for us men and for our salvation born (into the world) of the Virgin Mary, the mother God, according to His manhood. This one and the same Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son (of God) must be confessed to be in two natures, unconfusedly, immutably, indivisibly, inseparably* (united), and