

The Son (Part 1): "One Lord Jesus Christ"

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Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

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Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

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with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

The Son (Part 1) - Overview

I. One Lord, Only-Begotten

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I. One Lord, Only-Begotten

One Lord

I believe in “One...”

I believe in one God, the Father...

And in one Lord Jesus Christ...

God's Personal/Covenant Name

YHWH

- "I am" (Exodus 3:14; 33:19; 34:6).
- 4 Letters ("Tetragrammaton").
- Unspoken by the Jews.
- Substitute Hebrew word: *Adonai* ("lord").

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- Substitute Hebrew word: *Adonai* ("lord").
- Substitute Greek word: *kurios* ("lord").
- Substitute English word: LORD (vs. "Lord").

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

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I believe in “One...”

I believe in one God, the Father...

And in one Lord Jesus Christ...

who gave himself for our sins to
deliver us from the present evil
age, according to the will of our
God and Father,

Galatians 1:4

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To the rest I say (I, not the Lord)
that if any brother has a wife who
is an unbeliever, and she consents
to live with him, he should not
divorce her.

1 Corinthians 7:12

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Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Ephesians 1:2

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that together you may with one
voice glorify the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:6

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yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

1 Corinthians 8:6

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Jesus Christ

Jesus - Greek: *Iesous*

Greek translation of Hebrew: *Joshua*.

- Joshua: "The Lord saves"

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

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The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed—

Acts 4:26

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Only-Begotten

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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“Only-Begotten” - *monogenēs*

- *monos* - “only”
- *gennaō* - “to parent, birth, bring forth”
 - Similar: “generate,”
“generation,” “Genesis”

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II. One Substance

Begotten Before All Worlds

Nicene Orthodoxy

God the Father
the Son

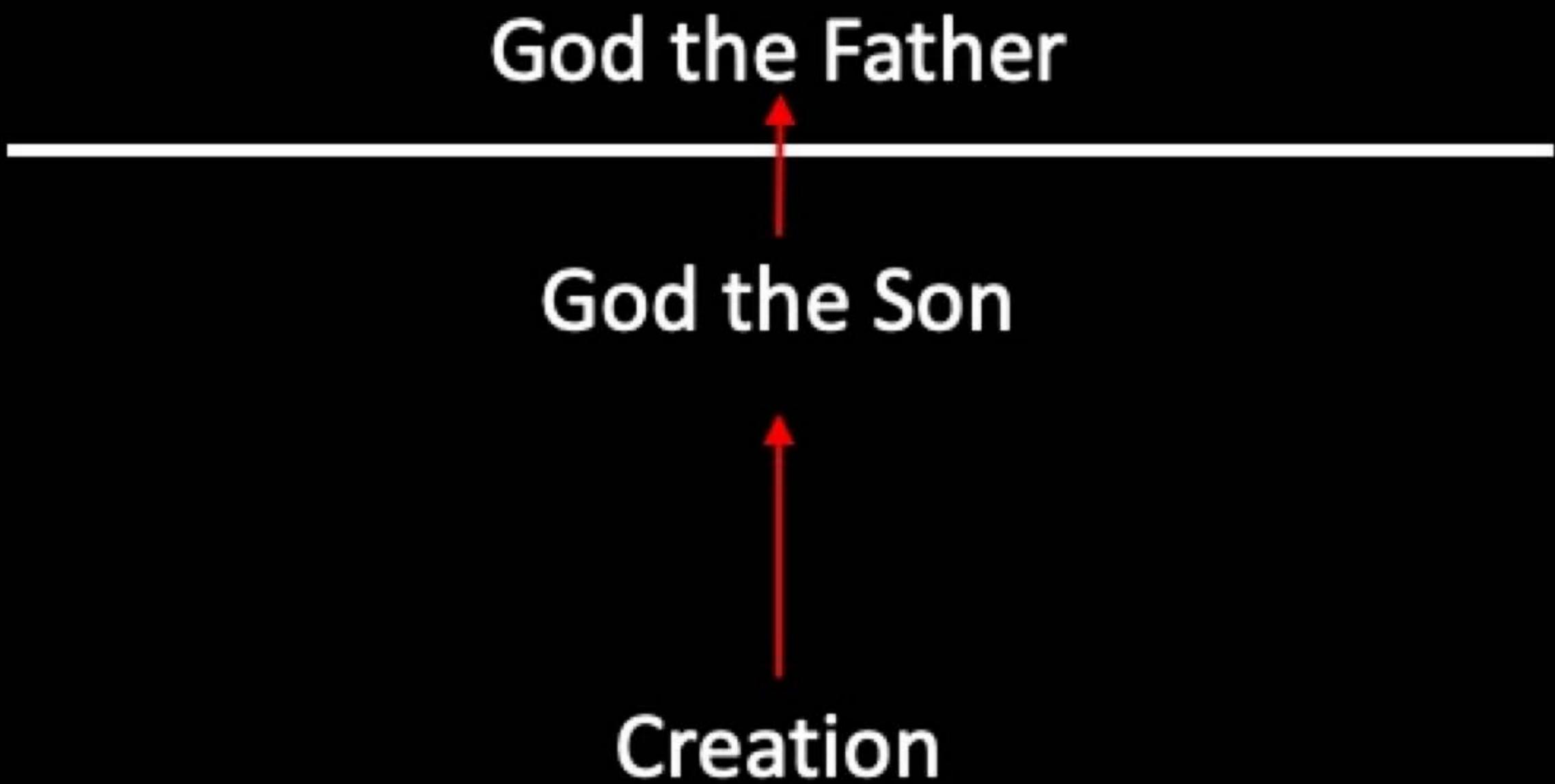
Creation

Arian View

God the Father

God the Son

Creation



Nicene Orthodoxy

God the Father
the Son

Creation

Nicene Orthodoxy

God the Father — (“unbegotten”)
the Son — “begotten before all ages”

Creation

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

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God, Light, Very God

God of God

Light of Light

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

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He is the radiance of the glory of
God and the exact imprint of his
nature....

Hebrews 1:3

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Very God of Very God

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:3

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And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5:20

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Not Made, Homousios

Begotten, Not Made



God

Creation

Heaven
Invisible

&
&

Earth
Visible

= Everything

God the Father
the Son

Creation
↓ ↓
Heaven & Earth
Invisible & Visible = Everything

Homousios

Greek: *homousios*

- *homo* = "same"
- *ousia* = "essence/substance/
being"

Greek: *homoousios*

- The Son is “of one substance” with the Father.
- The Son is “of the same essence” of the Father.

III. By Whom All Things Were Made

The Father: "Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things..."

All things were made through him,
and without him was not any thing
made that was made.

John 1:3

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All things were brought about through him, and without him was not any thing brought about that was brought about.

John 1:3

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For he commanded and they were
created.

Psalm 148:5

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And God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light.

Genesis 1:3

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For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:16

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but in these last days he has
spoken to us by his Son... through
whom also he created the world.

Hebrews 1:2

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:1–3

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Conclusion

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