

**A History of Heresy:  
The History of the Church from 50—500 AD  
Summer 2023  
Session Seven: Arianism**

**Introduction**

Church History is easily told as a history of the church's response to heresy

- Seen clearly from 50—500 AD
  - Today: Constantine's Revolution and Arianism
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- I. The Roman Crisis (235 to 284 AD) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Results in The \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Military Anarchy/ Assassination of Emperor \_\_\_\_\_ in 235
  - b. Empire Divided—East and West, and Subdivided further into halves—Four Parts
  - c. Constantine Wins Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ in 313 AD, gaining control of Western Empire
    - Vision: “By this \_\_\_\_\_”
  - d. Extends Control over all in 324 AD



- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Heresy of Arianism
- a. Arius
    - i. Elder in Alexandria
    - ii. Opposed the Bishop of Alexandria--\_\_\_\_\_
      - 1. Accusing him of \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. Eloquent Preaching; Effective Marketing
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Arianism
    - i. The Issue: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father and the Son

- ii. Arianism denies the doctrine of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
  - 1. “Begotten” means there was a time when the \_\_\_\_\_”
  - 2. Makes the Son of God out to be \_\_\_\_\_

- Creation-Creature Distinction

	Creator (Father)
○ Arianism	=====
	Son All of Creation
○ Orthodoxy	=====
	Creator (Father) Son =====
	All of Creation

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ to Arianism

a. Biblically

- i. John 1:1-4, 14
- ii. Colossians 2:9
- iii. Matthew 28:19

b. Historically

- i. The Council of \_\_\_\_\_ 325 AD

1. Key Participants:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

- ii. The Nicene \_\_\_\_\_ \*

## The Nicene Formula (not the Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty (All Sovereign), Maker of all, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus, the Son of God, begotten from the Father as the Only Begotten, that is from the Father's substance, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten not made, *homoousios* with the Father.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit.

### Schedule for This Class

June 4	Introduction
June 11	Judaizers
June 18	Gnosticism
June 25	Marcionism
July 2	Montanism
July 9	Sabellianism
July 16	Arianism/Council of Nicea 325 AD
July 23	Arianism/Council of Constantinople 381 AD
July 30	-----
August 6	Canon of Scripture/Council of Hippo 393 AD
August 13	Nestorianism/Apollinarianism
August 20	Eutychianism/Council of Chalcedon 451 AD