

The Mustard Seed Advent, 08-Nov-2006

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Dear Whitlie:

When you post your list of all doctrines inherited from the Nicean Counsel, please be sure to recognize the most dominant theme and perhaps the only one that was under dispute by Constantine's greatest antagonist, the confused Arius. You cannot ignore the opening and summational statement which was inherited from that counsel in the form of the Nicean Creed. To this day, I am told by my Catholic friends, all Catholics are required to recite the following phrase: "*Jesus son of the Father before all ages...*" parenthesis added by me. This is in contradiction to the Lord's testimony: "**...no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.**"—Luke 10:22. Evidently, all Catholics believe that Emperor Constantine (and thus the Popes who followed him) represent the man to whom the Lord has enlightened about the Son and the Father. What is your profession? Do you believe that Christ revealed His identity to Constantine? The MSA scoffs at that notion and show solid Bible evidence that the true identity of Christ was not revealed to any other man not even EGW, nor VTH, not Paul, not even the Pope, but to antitypical David, the man whom the Scriptures promised to declare the name of Lord, His identity. Please confess your profession: who is the man to whom Christ revealed His identity? If it was Constantine, then should we as Davidians make it our mission to lead all Protestants on a journey back to Catholicism? Should our goal and mission be to apologize and turn back to give obeisance to Papa? I believe that we should not: we are now called to comply—not with the Counsel of Nicea, but — with the *Rod*-recited counsel of Paul and grow up to embrace the strong-meat doctrines which demand that we leave the *principle doctrines of Christ* and go on to perfection. We need to believe that instead of Jesus being the Son of God before all ages, we need to understand that He is the **Only Begotten of the Father**, conceived (begun) in the womb of Mary:

“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...He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”—John 3: 16, 18.

Today, the time when the full truth is revealed, the day of “perfection”, the Lord can no longer wink at our ignorance; we must advance in light. As a side note, the MSC recognizes that the Counsel of Nicea did not establish the greatly disputed doctrine of the Trinity; rather, it was the Counsel of Constantinople in AD381 if my history is correct. But Nicaea took a bold move in error by presuming to fully “know who the Son is”. Thus did they cast the truth to the ground on their inglorious road to prosperity.

Sincerely,

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