

STRUGGLE FROM WITHIN



Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:16

What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:1

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus ... preach the word ... for the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions.

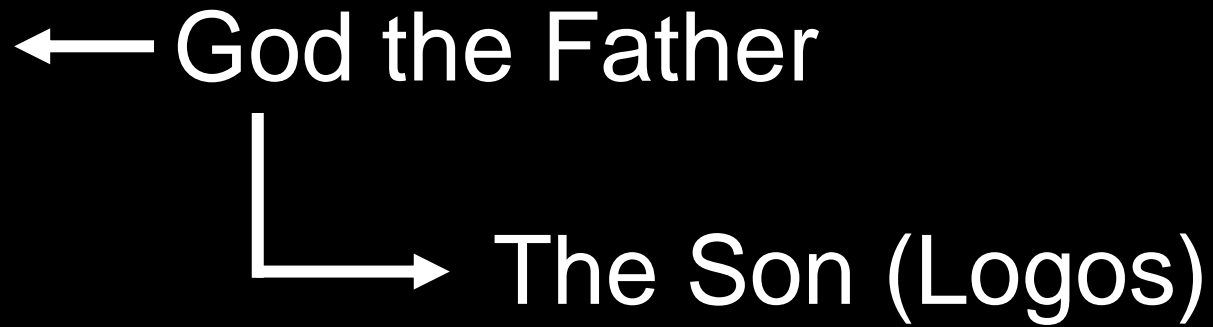
2 Timothy 4:1-3

For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach ... He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Titus 1:7-9

Struggle from within

Arianism



Creation of the world

Alexander

← God the Father

← The Son

Creation of the world

Council of Nicea, A.D. 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, the only-begotten of the Father, that is, from the substance of the Father, God of God, light of light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one substance [homousios] with the Father, through whom all things were made, both in heaven and on earth, who for us humans and for our salvation descended and became incarnate, becoming human, suffered and rose again on the third day, ascended to the heavens, and will come to judge the living and the dead. And [we believe in] the Holy Spirit. But those who say that there was [a time] when he was not, and that before being begotten He was not, or that He came from that which is not, or that the Son of God is of a different substance (hypostasis) or essence [ousia], or that He is created, or mutable, these the catholic church anathematizes.

Athanasius

Council of Constantinople, A.D. 381

How is the Council of Nicea
important for us today?

Doctrinal differences are common.
How do we determine which doctrinal
differences are acceptable,
and which are not?

Are creeds and confessions
important for the church today?