

We Believe: The Catholic Faith Re-Presented
Session 5: God the Son

1. Matthew 16:13-19
2. Biblical images of Christ vs. Christology of later centuries

Major Christological Heresies

Heresy	Personhood	Nature	Refuting Council
Gnosticism	N/A	Spirit is good. Matter is evil.	
Modalism / Sabellianism / Patripassianism	One person appearing in different modes	One divine nature	
Arianism		Christ is a creature.	Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.)
Apollinarianism		No human soul. The divine Logos is the rational principle of Christ's flesh.	Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.)
Nestorianism	Unclear but perhaps two?	The divine nature and the human nature are united in will only.	Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.)
Eutychianism	One	New nature resulting from fusion of divine nature and human nature.	Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.)

Council of Chalcedon's *Definition of the Faith*

1. Following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in humanity;
2. truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the humanity; in all things like us, without sin;
3. begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the humanity;
4. one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me

Body of Christ, save me

Blood of Christ, inebriate me

Water from the side of Christ, wash me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me

O good Jesus, hear me

Within Thy wounds hide me

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee

From the malignant enemy defend me

In the hour of my death call me

And bid me come unto Thee

That I may praise Thee with Thy saints

and with Thy angels

Forever and ever

Amen.