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A STUDY ON THE HISTORY OF THE NICENE CREED

January 21, 2024 "The Need for Creeds"

Define Creed:

Identify some examples of creeds in the Bible and name some early Christian creeds.

Evaluate the possible reasons why numerous Christians have abandoned Christian creeds.

Share at least three important reasons why creeds are necessary.

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"We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses..." -Heb 12:1

DISCUSS: PART 1 – THE NEED FOR CREEDS

1. Discuss: How often does your congregation use ancient or modern creeds of the Church?
2. What are the benefits of having a hymn function as a creed? Can you think of any suggestions for hymns which could be sung alongside or even occasionally in place of the ecumenical creeds used in worship?
3. List at least three reasons some Christians might give for trying to avoid creeds.
4. Explain why creeds are unavoidable.
5. Give at least three reasons why creeds are a necessary and useful gift.
6. Agree / Disagree: The ancient liturgical ordinary is essentially an ancient creed passed on through use in worship.
7. Appraise the "Te Deum" as an ancient creed.
8. How would you respond to someone who says that creeds are just an invention of the church?
9. How can a worship planner increase a congregation's appreciation for the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) which they hear during the service?

Next Session: Part 2 – Catalyst for the Nicene Creed

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