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A STUDY ON THE HISTORY OF THE NICENE CREED

February 18, 2024 "Combating Errors Today"

Review the history behind the formation of the Nicene Creed

Share some appropriate responses to the forced erasure of the history of the Church.

Explain why it is so important to confess "I believe in the holy Christian Church."

What encouragement(s) do you have as you take your stand on God's Word?

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

DISCUSS: PART 4 – COMBATING ERRORS TODAY

1. The Formula of Concord and Augsburg Confession both appeal to the Nicene Creed. They clearly stated that they followed Scripture alone as the sole authoritative source of spiritual truth. What reasons might they have had for mentioning the Creed?
2. Identify in which contexts the Nicene Creed can still be most useful today. In which context may it not serve as well for us to cite the Nicene Creed?
3. Why must we be careful not to appeal to the age or widespread appeal of a creed when trying to bolster its usefulness?
4. Agree / Disagree "A creed is only useful if it can summarize Scripture and build consensus for wide-spread usage."
5. Explain how the Nicene Creed offers a practical tool... for worship...for evangelism.
6. Further Discussion: Read the essay at rockofages-payson.com/creed and refer to Appendix I "Councils of the Ancient Church." Explain what makes a council ecumenical.
7. Further Discussion: Use Appendix I of that same essay to briefly refute the claim that the Creeds were created by the Roman Catholic papacy.

Read the accompanying essay at rockofages-payson.com/creed