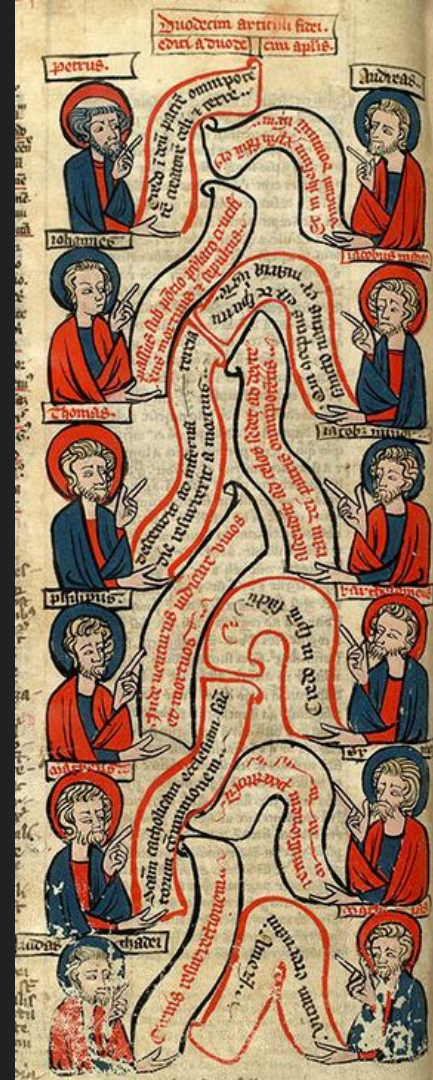


# Christian Theology in 210 minutes

The Creed, The Sacraments, & The Word of God  
in less time than it takes to roast a pork butt.

What does it mean to be a Christian?  
(on an index card)

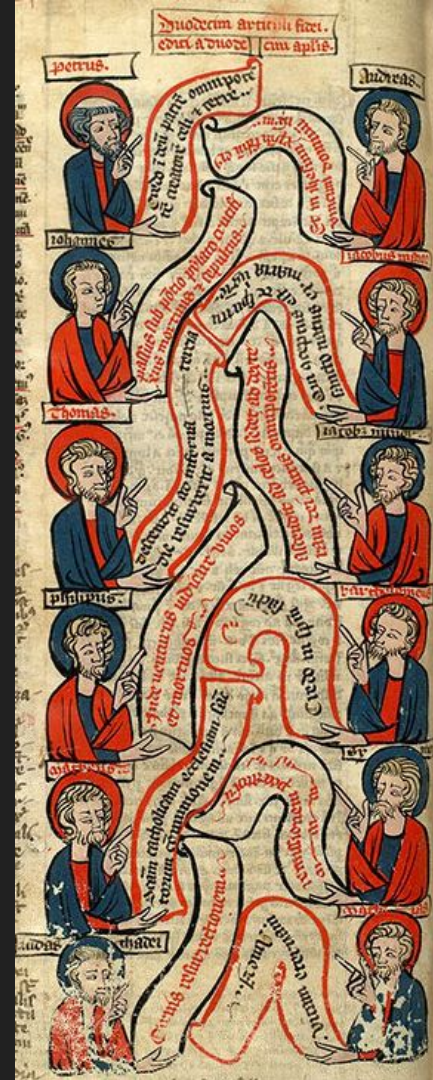
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born of the Virgin Mary,  
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was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
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he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
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the holy catholic\*\* church,  
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the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.





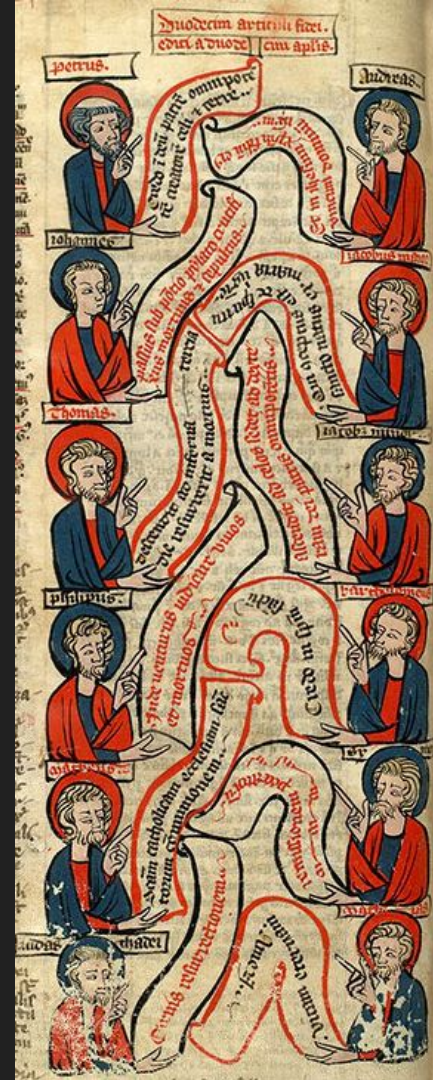
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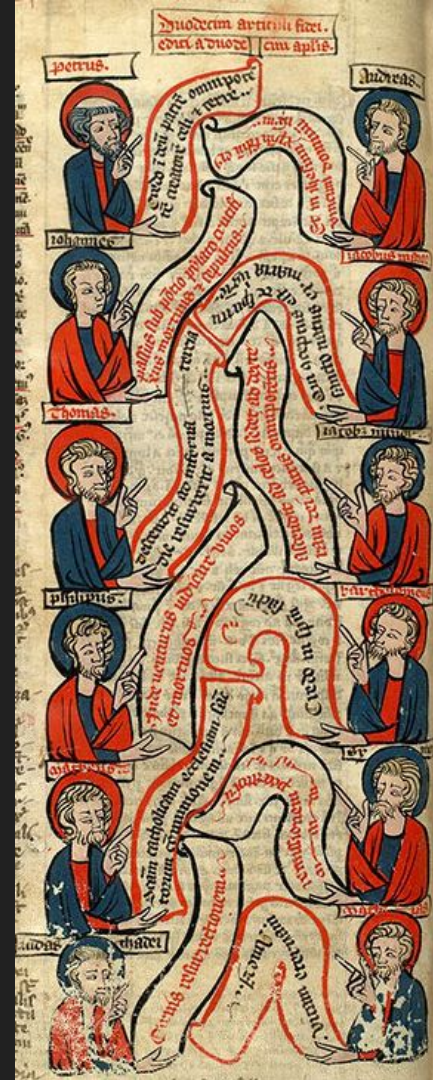
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Doodle: What do you think  
about when you hear...

“I believe in God the  
Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and  
earth”





“I believe...”



# “...in God the Father Almighty”

What it means:

- God is inherently relational
  - Within God’s self (the immanent Trinity)
  - With us (the economic Trinity)
- God in three persons, blessed Trinity
- The (immanent) Trinity is about relationship within God

What it doesn’t mean:

- Deism (God without us)
- Modalism (confusing the persons of the Trinity with the acts of God with us)



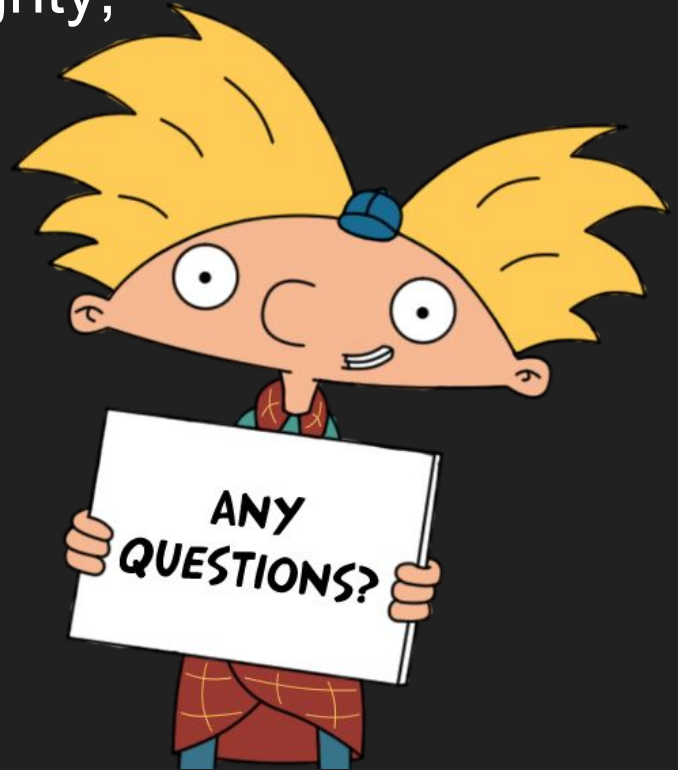
“...maker of heaven and earth”

- In Scripture?
- “Monarch,” “Source”
- *Not a creature*



## The First Article

“I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.”



## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

G G D Em Bm Em D G G D Em

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures

5 C G D Em D G D G/B C D/F# G/B

here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

G G Em D Am G D<sup>7</sup> G C G

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The first system starts with a treble staff containing notes and chords (G, G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, G, D, Em) and a bass staff. The lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures' are written below the treble staff. The second system starts with a treble staff containing notes and chords (C, G, D, Em, D, G, D, G/B, C, D/F#, G/B) and a bass staff. The lyrics 'here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;' are written below the treble staff. The third system starts with a treble staff containing notes and chords (G, G, Em, D, Am, G, D7, G, C, G) and a bass staff. The lyrics 'praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' are written below the treble staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,  
and was buried; he descended to the  
dead.”



I believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
son, our Lord ...



Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai,  
6th century

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord ...

- Jesus (of Nazareth)



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6th century



I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord ...

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- Christ (of the Bible)



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I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord ...

- Jesus (of Nazareth)
- Christ (of the Bible)
- His only Son (Not Caesar)



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- *Possible Heresies*
  - Only Human (Ebionitism)
  - Only God (Docetism)

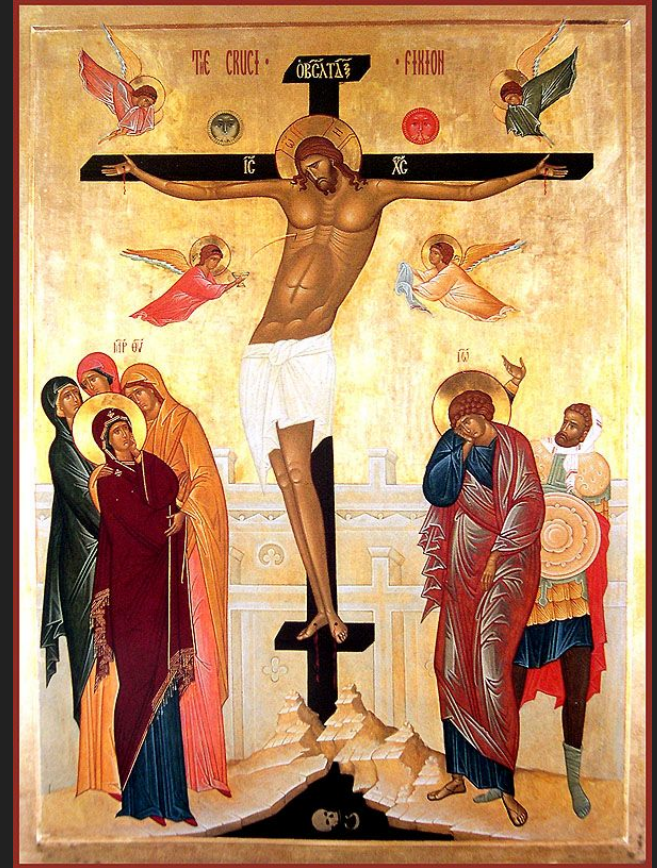
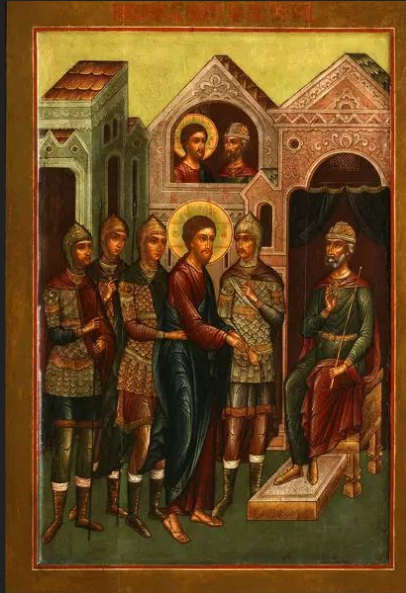
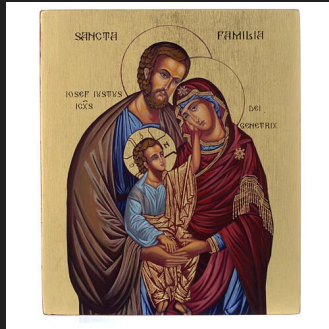


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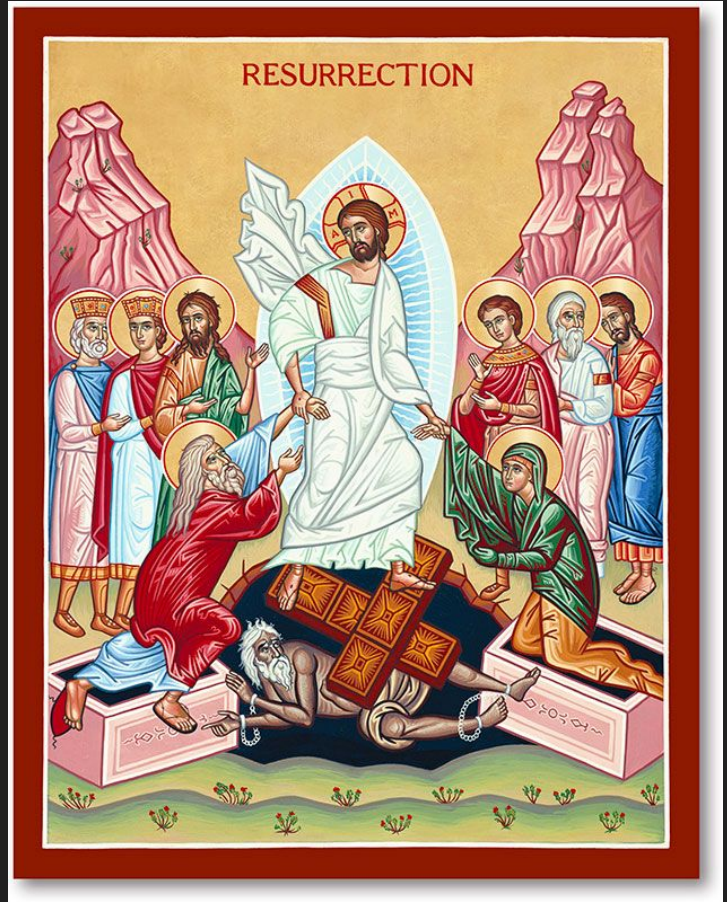
“Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried.”

This is history!

This is the meaning of history!



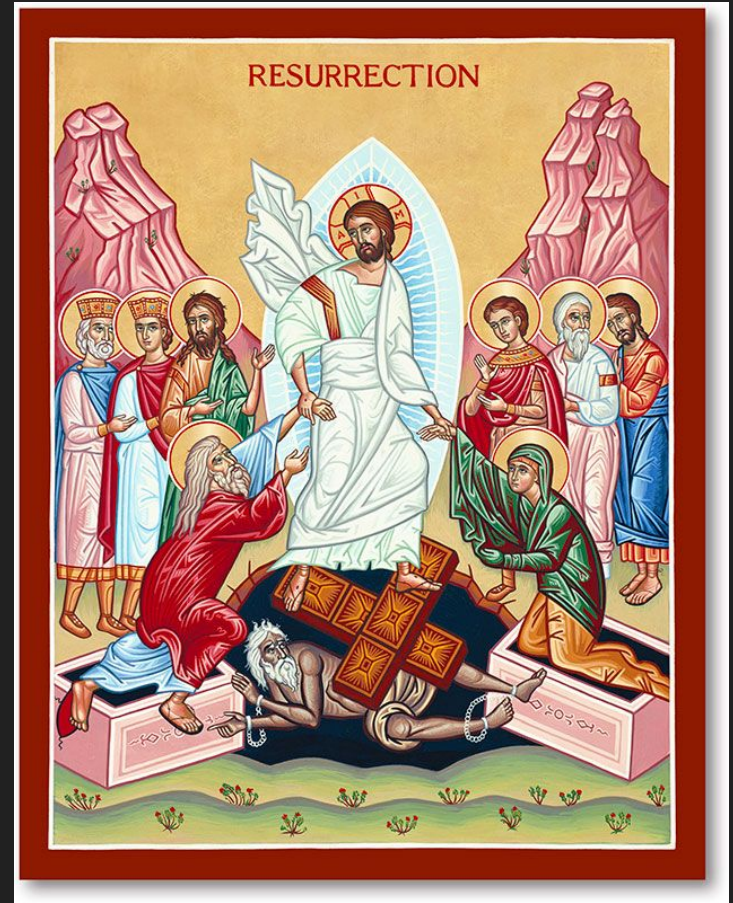
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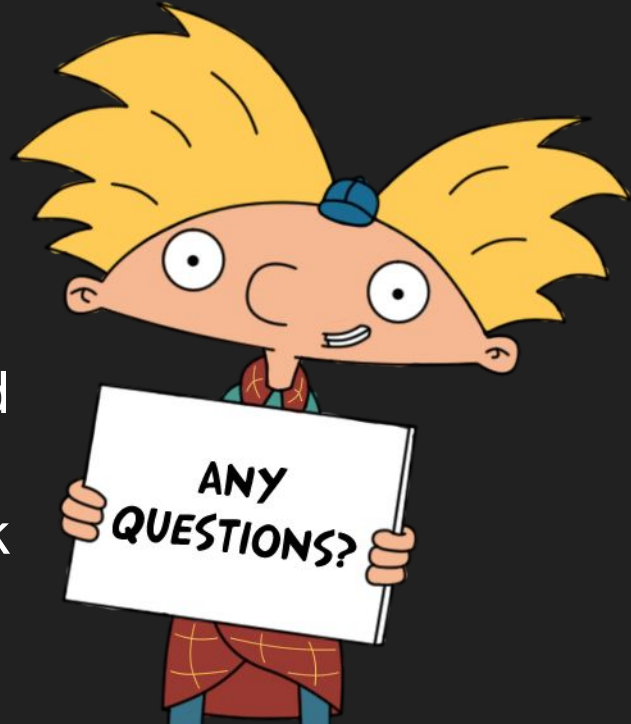
- Soteriology
  - Doctrine of Salvation
- Eschatology
  - Doctrine of “the End”



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## The Second Article

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# The Church's One Foundation

Samuel John Stone

Samuel S. Wesley

The church's one foundation is Je - sus Christ her Lord; she  
E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, her  
Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed, by  
Mid - toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war she  
Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One, and

5  
is His new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word: from  
char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one  
schil - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed; yet  
waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; till  
mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won. O

9  
heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride; with  
ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, and  
saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" and  
with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed, and  
hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we like

13  
His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.  
to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Enjoy your break



# Doodle: What do you think about when you hear...

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The Communion of Saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
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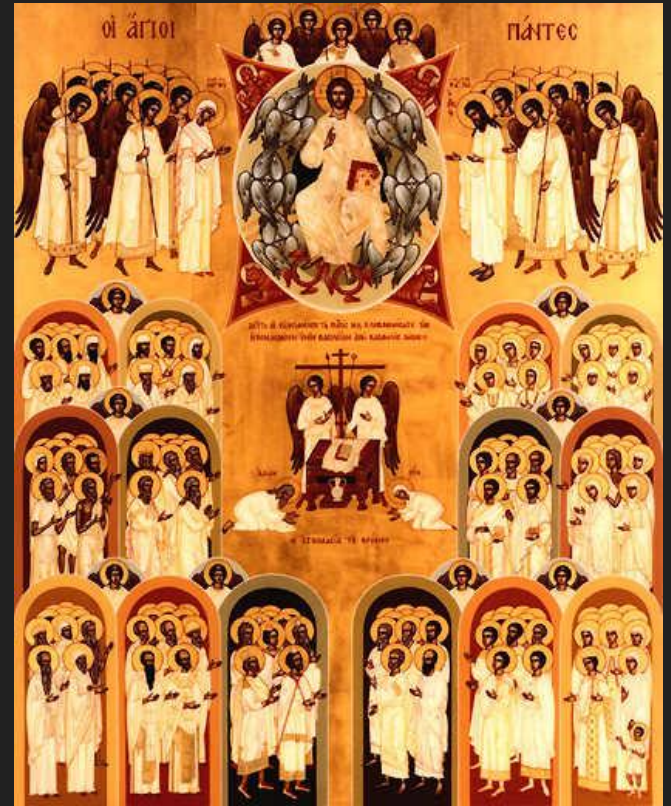
# “I believe in the Holy Spirit”

1. What is the Spirit and what does she do? (The Spirit that was in Christ Jesus)
2. Allows for human participation within the divine life and divine action (ministry of reconciliation)
3. Why are we afraid of the Holy Spirit?



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Synaxis of All Saints - Orthodox

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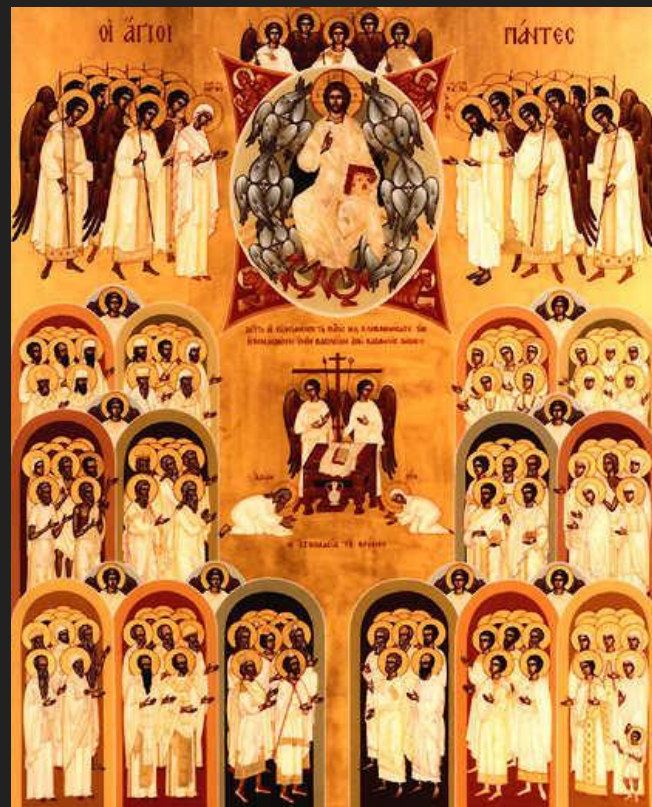
# “The Holy Catholic Church”

- Holy - Set apart
- Catholic - Universal
- Ecclesiology
  - People of God
  - Body of Christ
  - Temple of the Holy Spirit
  - Preaching Communion
    - Word & Sacrament
    - “With God’s help, we will proclaim the good news, and live according to the example of Christ.”



Synaxis of All Saints - Orthodox

# “The Communion of Saints”



# “The Communion of Saints”

- Trans-mortal communion
- Sanctified Sinners
- Whom God saves



# “The Forgiveness of Sins”

- What God has done! (whether we like it or not...)
- The story the church is charged to tell! (whether we like it or not...)



“The resurrection of the body and the live everlasting”



Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, fresco  
from the Dura-Europos synagogue

# “The resurrection of the body and the live everlasting”

- What God has promised



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- What God has promised
- Not just souls
- Life Everlasting, Eternal Life =

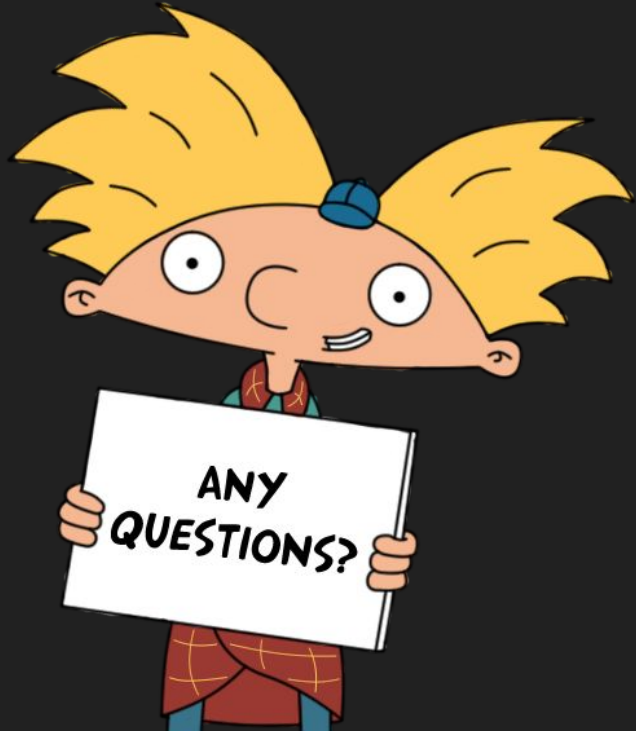


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## The Third Article

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the live everlasting,”



## O Spirit of the Living God

1. O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou  
 2. Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un -  
 3. Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of  
 4. So shall we know the power of Christ who

light and fire di - vine, de - scend up - on thy  
 til our minds are free from mists of er - ror,  
 truth which all may hear, the lan - guage all may  
 came this world to save; so shall we rise with

church once more, and make it tru - ly thine.  
 clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.  
 un - der - stand when love speaks loud and clear;  
 him to life which soars be - yond the grave;

Fill it with love and joy and power, with  
 Burn, wing - ed fire! In - spire our lips with  
 till ev - ery age and race and clime shall  
 and earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which

# Operations of Grace

What is grace?

God's unconditional, unmerited love

# Types or operations?

Not this:



This:



# Three operations of Grace

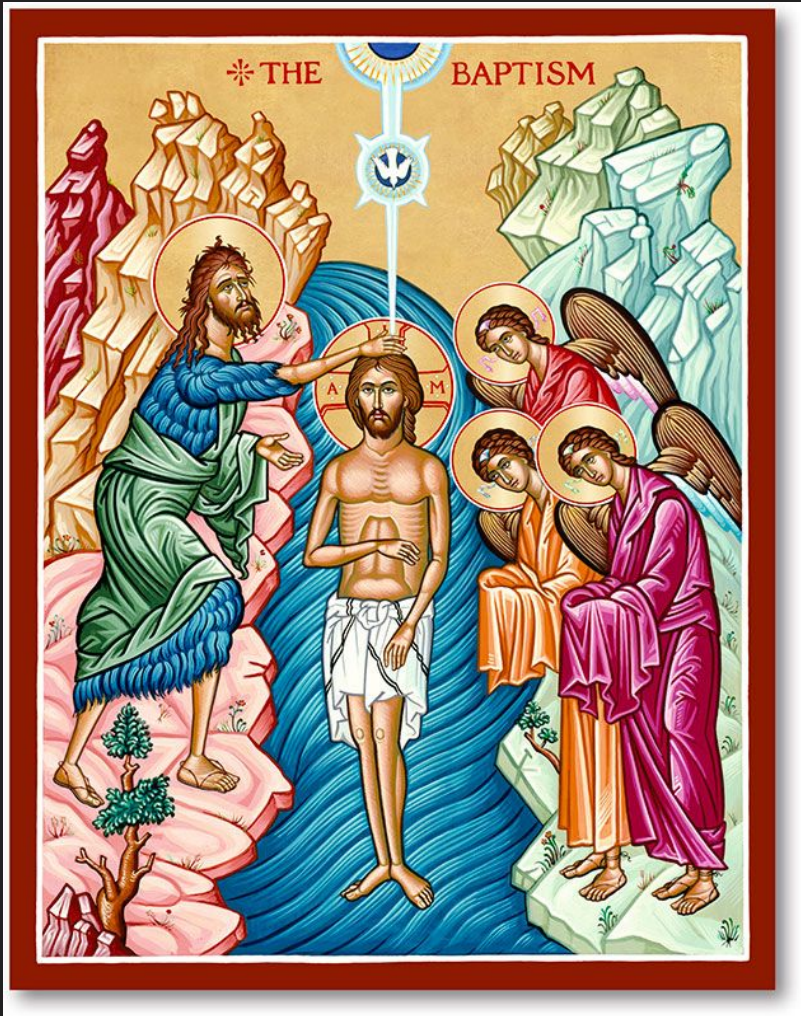
Prevenient

Justifying

Sanctifying

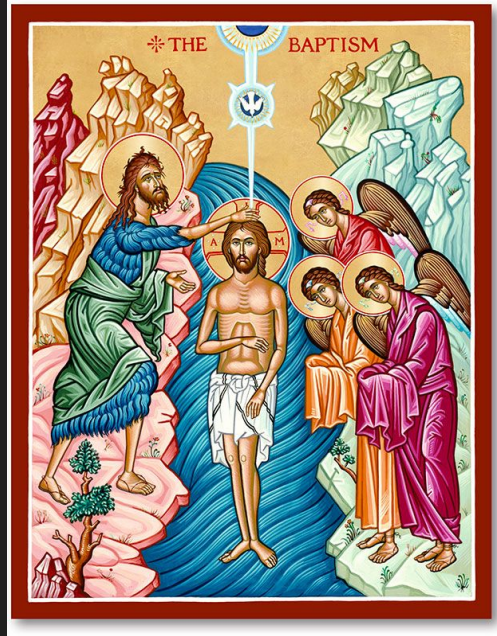
Drew rap!





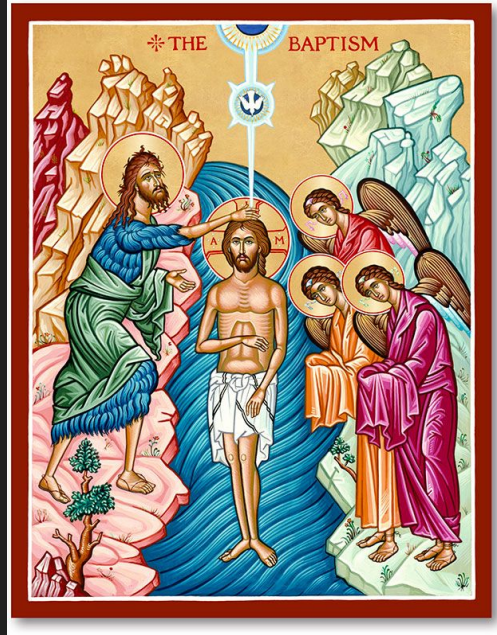
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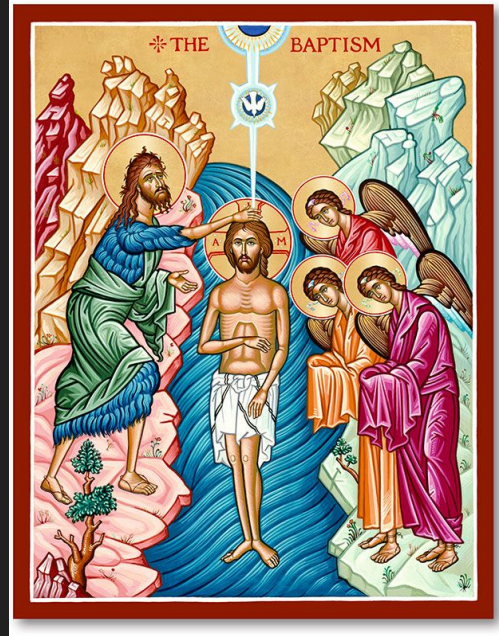
- Four Criteria:
  - Instituted/Ordained/Ordered by Christ





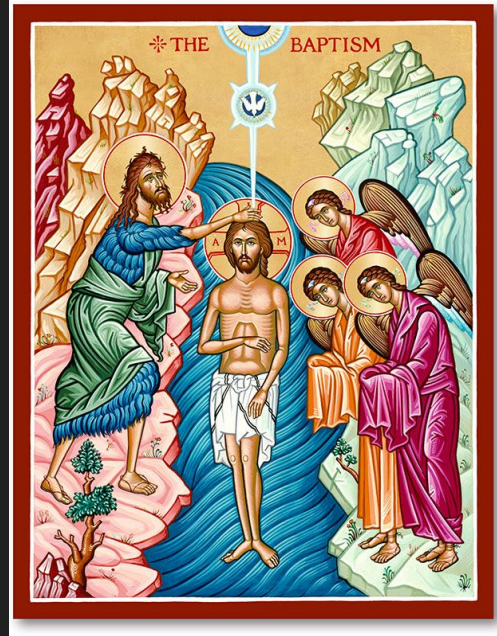
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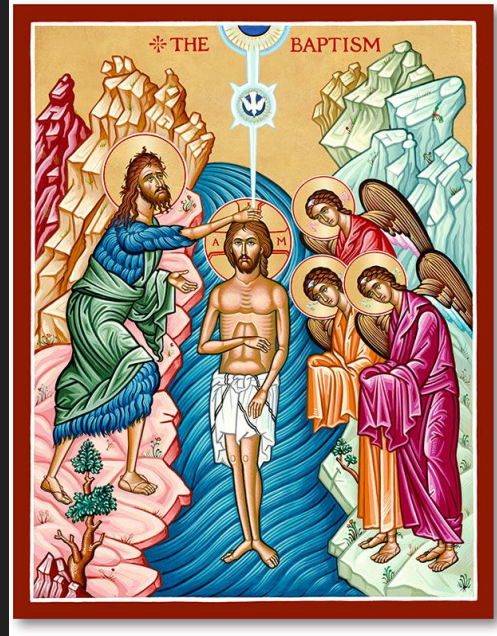
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  - Means of Grace



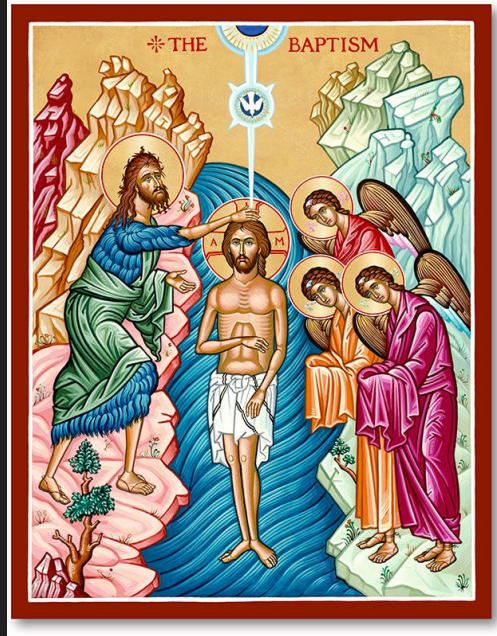
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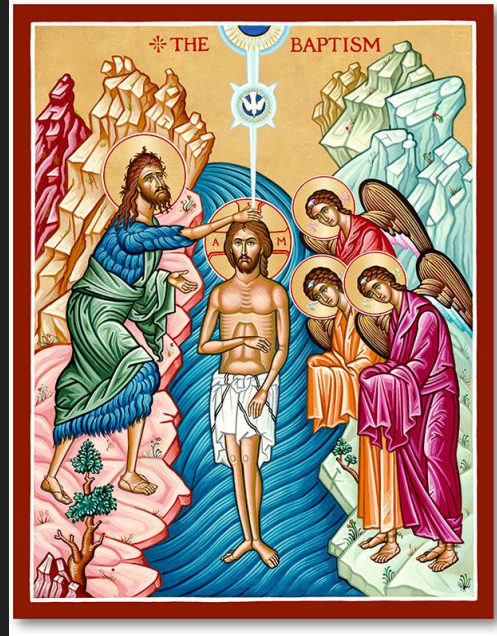
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- Four Criteria:
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  - Material
  - Means of Grace
  - Open to All
- Therefore, we have two...
- What to say to DCOM and BOOM?
  - Read the liturgy! It's all in there!







1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer  
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's  
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of




praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea-sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul-pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos-pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of  
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants of the  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



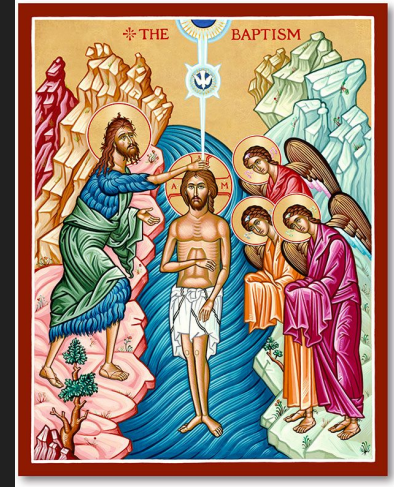
round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the  
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in  
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it  
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who



com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

# Baptism - the sacrament of Justification

- Old Testament and New Testament Scripture references?
- Sacrament of Justification
- From the Hymnal (p. 32): “The Baptismal Covenant is God’s word to us, proclaiming our adoption by grace, and our word to God promising our response in faith and love.”
  - God’s word of grace is primary!
  - Our faith is a response!
- Operations of grace in Baptism



1. Wash, O God, our sons and daugh - ters, where your cleans - ing  
2. We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may  
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined,

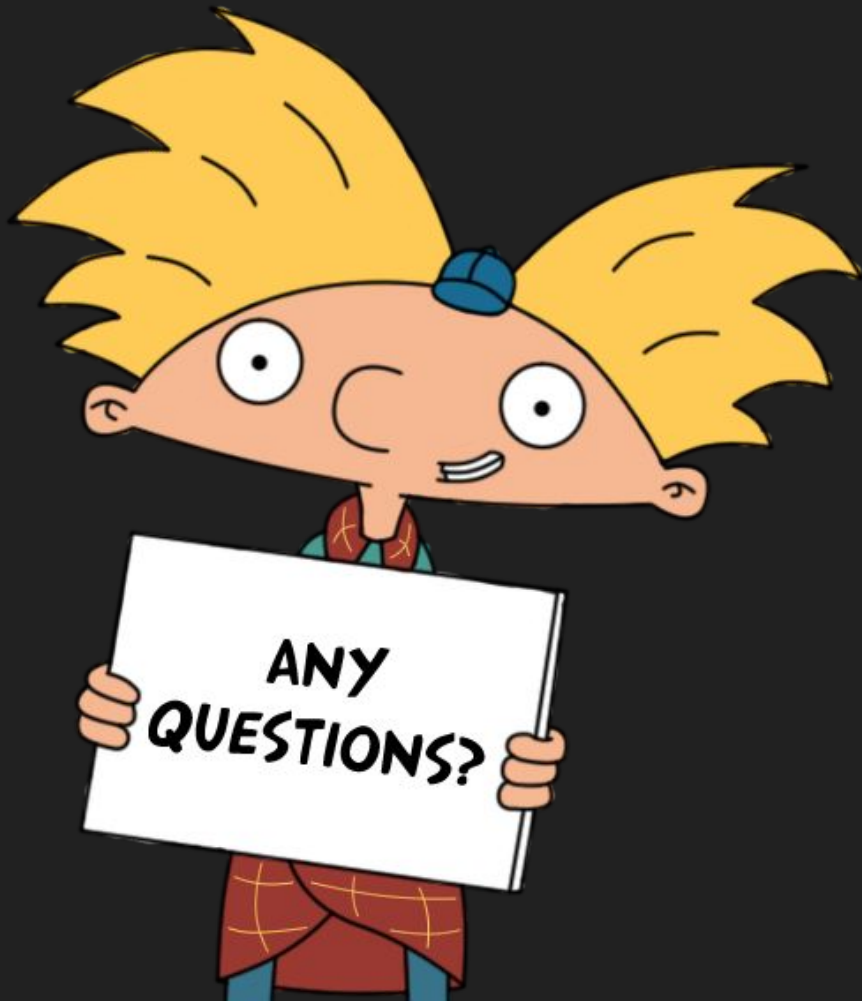
wa - ters flow. Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple;  
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing  
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or!

bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Weave them gar - ments bright and  
cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us, guide our  
With our lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;  
foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in  
fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!





# Holy Communion, Eucharist, the Lord's Supper



Icon of the Crucifixion by Andreas Pavias, second half of the 15th century

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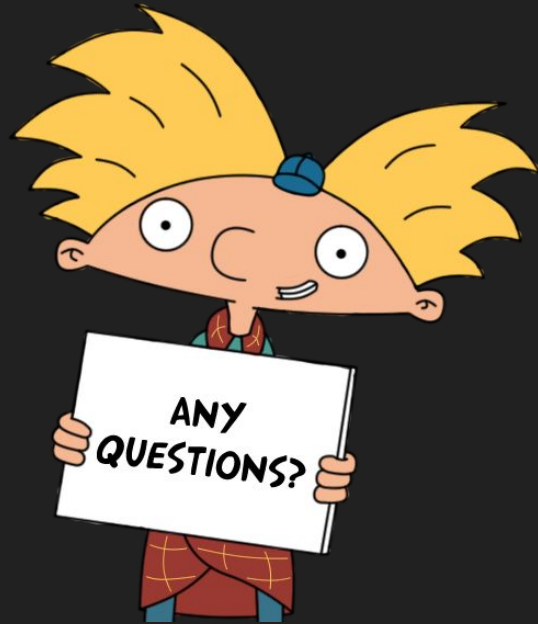
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- Sacrament of the Cross and Resurrection
  - God provides what is necessary
  - It's a gift.
- Operations of grace in Holy Communion



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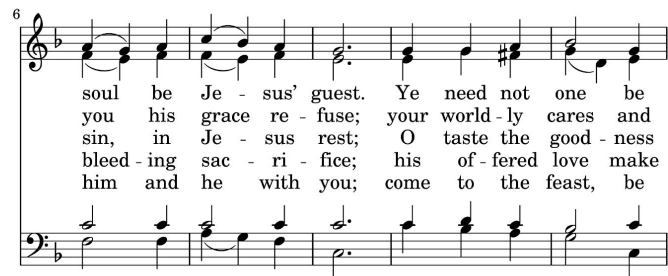
# Sacraments, Baptism & Eucharist





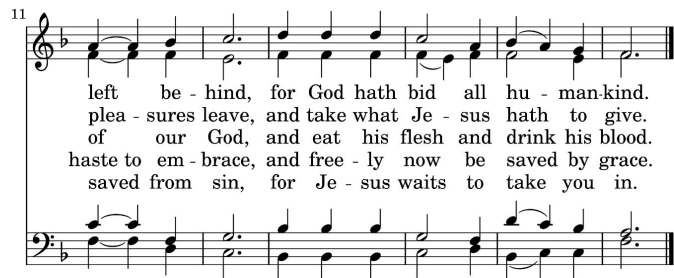
1. Come, sin-ners, to the gos - pel feast, let ev - ery  
 2. Do not be - gin to make ex - cuse; ah! do not  
 3. Come and par - take the gos - pel feast, be saved from  
 4. See him set forth be - fore your eyes; be - hold the  
 5. Ye who be - lieve his rec - ord true shall sup with

6



soul be Je - sus' guest. Ye need not one be  
 you his grace re - fuse; your world - ly cares and  
 sin, in Je - sus rest; O taste the good - ness  
 bleed - ing sac - ri - fice; his of - fered love make  
 him and he with you; come to the feast, be

11



left be - hind, for God hath bid all hu - man-kind.  
 plea - sures leave, and take what Je - sus hath to give.  
 of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.  
 haste to em - brace, and free - ly now be saved by grace.  
 saved from sin, for Je - sus waits to take you in.

DO WE NEED A BREAK BEFORE THE LAST LAP?



Last Activity/Subject

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-The Bible... Exact Divine Words or Ancient Human Document?

What is the Word of God?



What is the Word of God?

1. **Jesus Christ** - the Incarnate  
Word of God.

Fully Human, Fully Divine



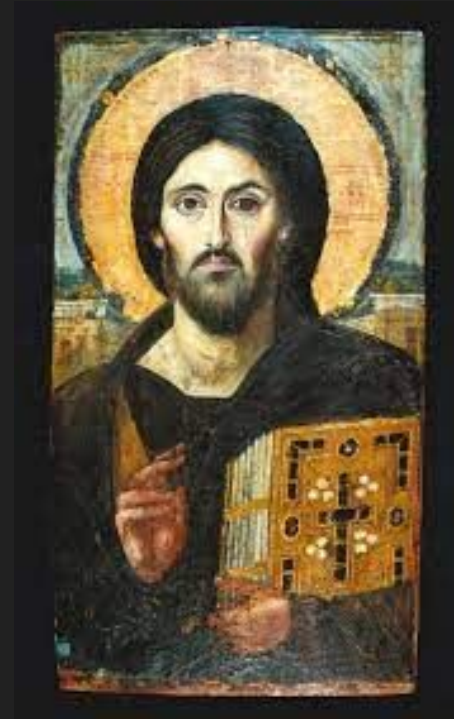
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2. **Scripture** - Written Word of God

Human witness to the Word



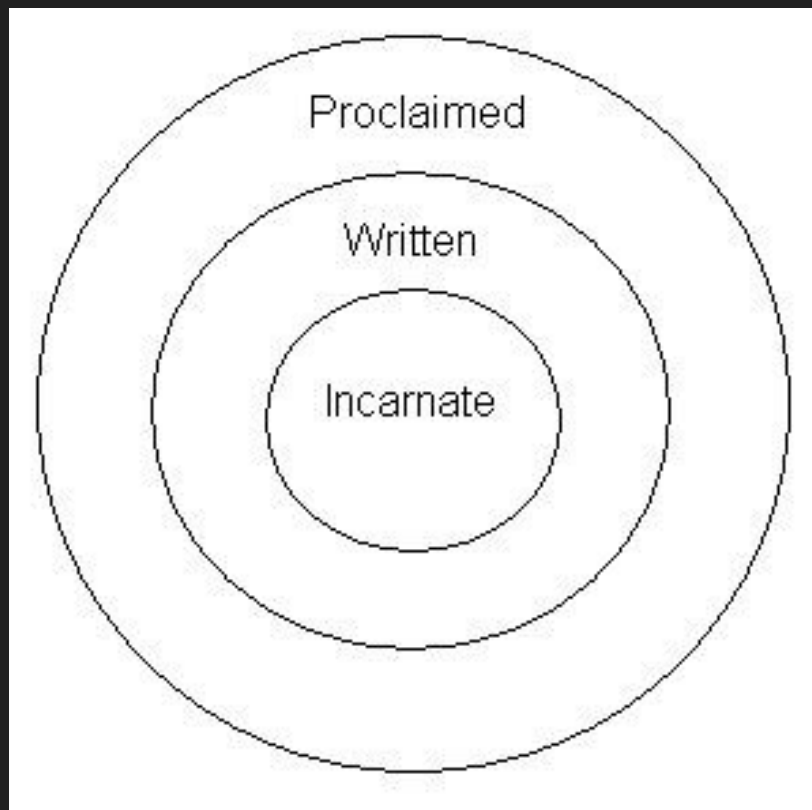


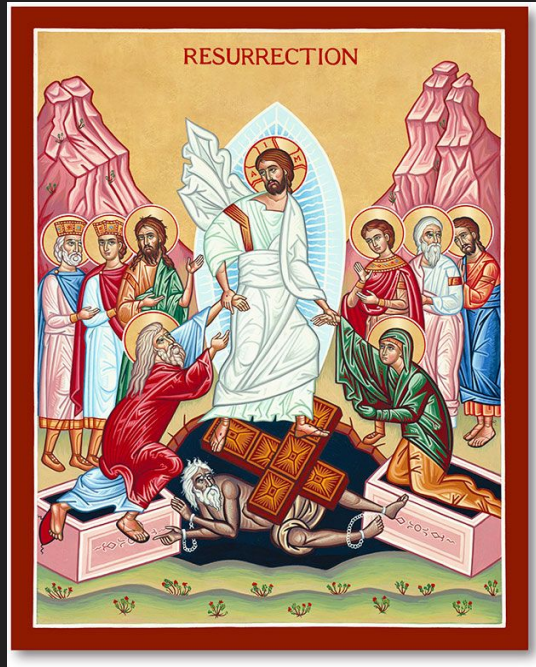
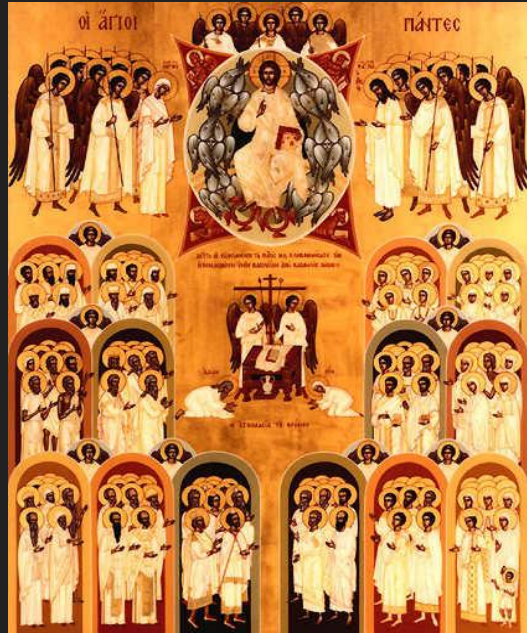
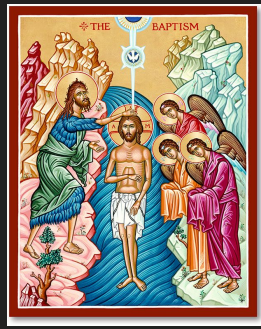
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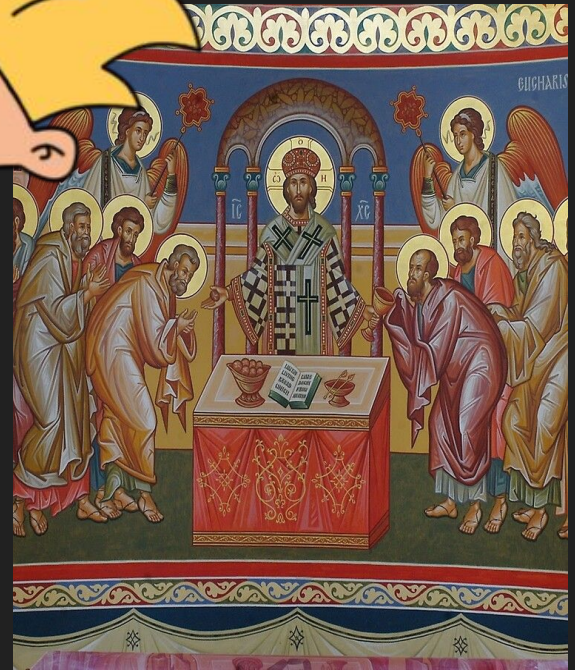
1. **Jesus Christ** - the Incarnate Word  
Fully Human, Fully Divine
2. **Scripture** - Written Word of God  
Human witness to the Word
3. **Preaching of the Church**  
Proclaimed Word of God in word,  
sacrament, and ministry



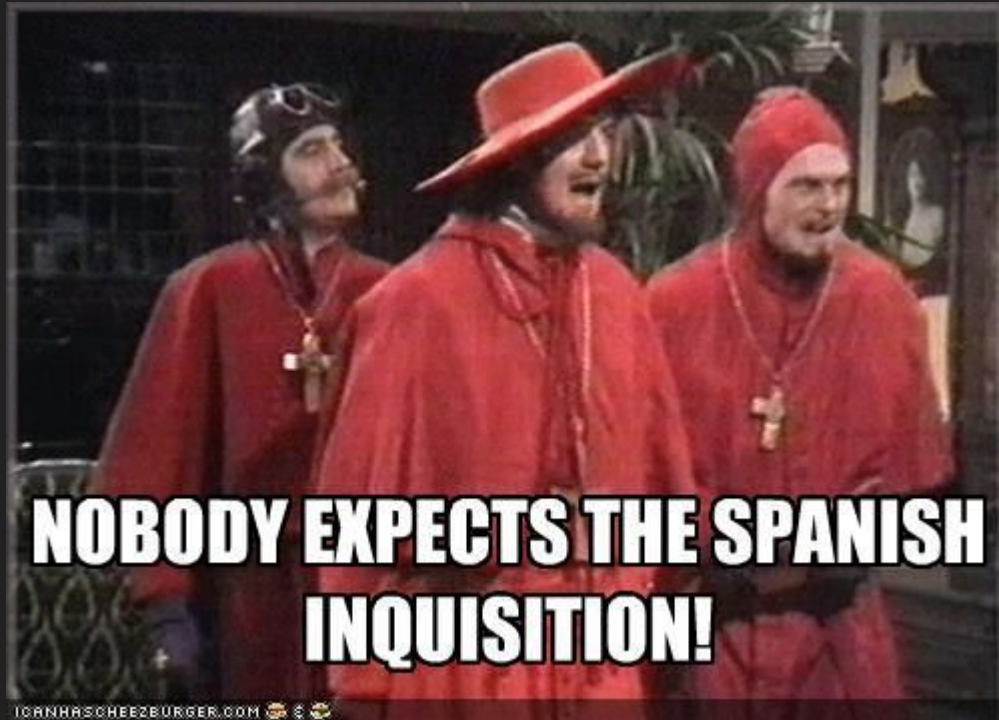
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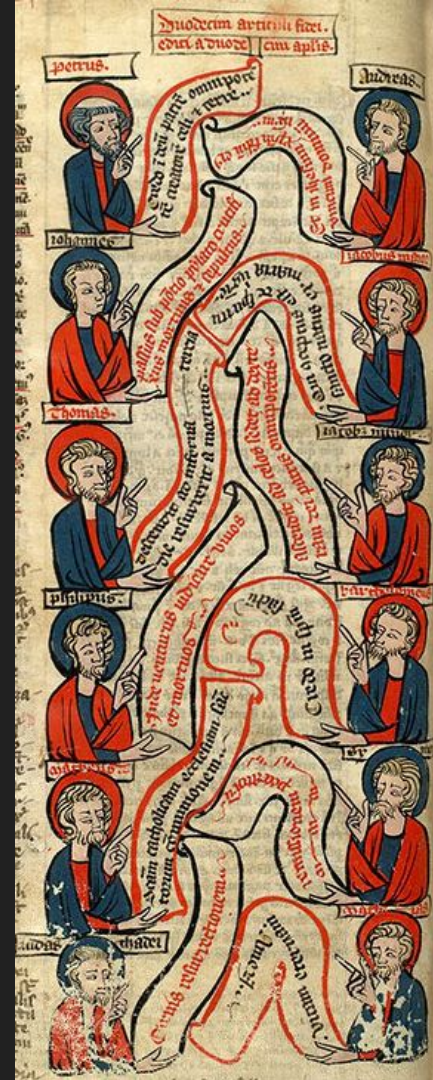




# POP QUIZ!!!!



I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:  
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:  
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:  
 sud - den - ly re - tum, and nev - er, nev - er more thy tem - ples leave;  
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

