

III. The Trinity of God

A. Historical Statements of the Doctrine

1. The Apostles' Creed (in three stages of its development)

Stage #1 -- A. D. 150 (attested by Irenaeus, Tertullian, and Cyprian)

I believe:

- I. In one God the Father Almighty.
- II. (1) And in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord  
(2) Born of the Virgin Mary  
(3) Under Pontius Pilate crucified and buried  
(4) The third day risen from the dead  
(5) Ascended into heaven  
(6) And seated on the right hand of the Father  
(7) From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
- III. (1) And in the Holy Spirit  
(2) The holy Church  
(3) The forgiveness of sins  
(4) The resurrection of the flesh.

Stage #2 -- A. D. 350 (attested by Rufinus of Aquileia in A. D. 390, Marcellus of Ancyra in A. D. 350, Ambrose of Milan, Augustine, etc.)

I believe:

- I. In One God the Father Almighty
- II. (1) And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord  
(2) Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary  
(3) Under Pontius Pilate crucified and buried  
(4) The third day He rose again from the dead  
(5) He ascended into heaven  
(6) And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty  
(7) From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
- III. (1) And in the Holy Spirit  
(2) The holy Catholic Church  
(3) The forgiveness of sins  
(4) The resurrection of the flesh.

Stage #3 -- A. D. 700 (an official revision, made in Rome and quoted in the Psalter of Pope Gregory III (A. D. 731-741), as well as in many other places)

I believe:

- I. In God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.
- II. (1) And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord