

Heresies Attacking Christ

Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He is one person with two natures.

▮ Heresies

- *Ebionism*: Staunch monotheism. Denied Jesus is God.
- *Gnosticism*: Denied Jesus' true humanity.
- *Docetism*: Denied Jesus has a real human body; He only appeared to have one.
- *Arianism*: Denied Jesus' divinity. He was created by the Father at some point in time. He is of a different substance than the Father (*hetero-ousios*).
- *Semi-Arianism*: Christ may be divine and of a similar substance as the Father (*homo-i-ousios*), but not the same substance/essence/nature (*homo-ousios*).
- *Apollinarianism*: The Logos replaced the human rational soul and assumed a human body and a human sensitive soul.
- *Nestorianism*: Jesus is two persons, each with its own nature, morally united in one subject. There are "two Sons" and therefore Mary is not the Mother of God, but only the Mother of Jesus.
- *Monophysitism*: Jesus only has one nature. It is divine, though it could have a 'little human nature' mixed in.
- *Monotheletism*: Jesus only has one will; it is divine.
- *Iconoclasm*: No visual representations of the Logos are permitted (an attack on His humanity).
- *Caesaro-Papism*: Error that the Emperor has authority over the Pope (State over Church).

▮ A History of Many Schisms in the East

(Note: This listing is not exhaustive.)

- Arian Schisms: from ~321 to 381 (and among various barbarians for centuries thereafter)
- Schism of Atticus: 403 to 408 (against St. John Chrysostom)
- ▮ Nestorians: Broke into schism after the Council of Ephesus (431 AD) and remain so to this day.
 - Schism of Eutyches: 448 to 451 (Monophysite)
 - Acacian Schism: 484 to 519 (Monophysite)
 - Monothelite Schism: 648 to 681 (troubles caused by Constantinople II in 553)
- ▮ Monophysites: Broke into schism after Constantinople III (680-81) and remain so to this day.
 - Iconoclastic Schisms: from ~730 to 787 and ~814 to 843
 - Photian Schism: 863 to 867 (use *filioque* as a pretext)
- ▮ Great Schism: 1054 to ~1449 (Council of Florence) & 1453 to present
 - ➔ This reunion was rejected by Moscow (Russian Orthodox).
 - ➔ Constantinople falls to Moslems in 1453, and schism endures to this day.

✠ Three very important teachings that dispel many errors:

- † *Extra ecclesiam, nulla salus* (no salvation outside the Church).
- † The Universal and Social Kingship of Jesus Christ.
- † *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi* (*we pray as we believe, and believe as we pray*).
 - ➔ Man must worship God, and do as God has revealed.
 - ➔ We must stand fast and hold to Tradition (2 Thess 2:15).