

Our God is Triune: The Son, Jesus Christ John 1:1-4

...And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all time; Light, from Light, true God from true God; begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father, through Whom all things were made...

The Son is _____ from the Father-this distinction does not involve a difference of _____ (Jesus is not the Father but Jesus is God as the Father is God)

*Against the pagans, we hold to the unity of essence; against the Jews, the distinction of hypostases.
Gregory of Nyssa*

The _____ of both Father and Son is the same even though Father is called “Father” and the Son is called “Son”

*“Father” designates neither the essence nor the activity, but the relationship, the manner of being, which holds good between the Father and the Son.
Gregory of Nazianzus*

This portion of the Creed emphasizes 4 important truths about the deity of Christ

1. Jesus Christ is _____
John 9:38 & 20:28

The word “_____” does not mean “_____” (as is seen by the fact that the Holy Spirit is also called Lord later in the Creed) but is a reference to the unity of the Trinity

2. Jesus Christ is the _____ - _____ Son of God
John 1:14 & 3:16

The word “only” signifies the special _____ between the bond of the Father and Son

The begetting of the Son did _____ take place in _____
(as the Creed says, “before all time”)

The word “begotten” does _____ refer to His coming into _____ (the Creed emphasizes this by the phrase “begotten, not made”)

*We must not imagine three divided substances in God, as among men, lest we, like the heathen, invent a multiplicity of gods; but as the stream with is born of the fountain, and not separated from it, though there are two forms and name. Neither is the Father the Son, nor the Son the Father; for the Father is the Father of the Son, and the Son is the Son of the Father. As the fountain is not the stream, nor the stream the fountain, but the two are one and same water which flows from the fountain and stream; so, the Godhead pours itself without division, from the Father into the Son.
Athanasius*

3. Jesus Christ is _____
John 1:1 & 8:58

The phrasing “Light, from Light, true God from true God” supports 2 _____ proclaimed in Creed:

1. The Son is of the _____ essence (homoousios) with the Father

2. The Son is _____ of the Father (“from”)

*Christ as to Himself is called God; as to the Father called Son
John Calvin*

4. Jesus Christ is the One _____ whom all things were made
John 1:3 & 10

*And if He is not made, then He is not a creature; but if He is not a creature, then He is of the same substance with the Father. For all substance that is not God is creature; and all that is not creature is God. And if the Son is not of the same substance with the Father, then He is a substance that was made: and if He is a substance that was made, then ALL things were not made by Him.
Augustine of Hippo*