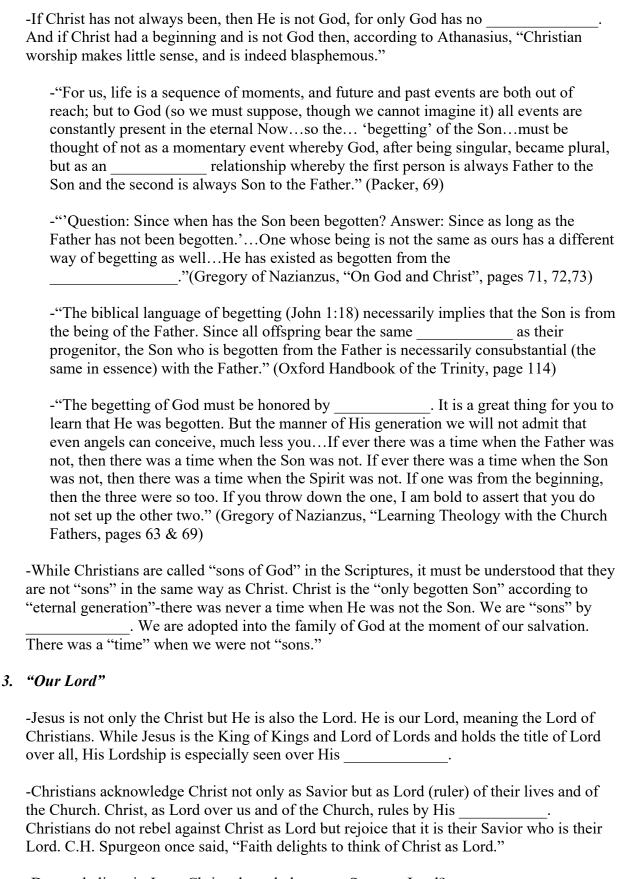
## **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead: I believe in the Holy Ghost: The (universal) holy catholic church: The communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen

"...And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord..."

## 1. "and in Jesus Christ"

	-Belief in God, in general, is not enough. Christianity is not simply the acknowledgement of a deity that is supreme. Christianity is not simply monotheism. Many can believe in "a god." What makes Christianity Christian is the belief in One God who sent His Son to take
	on for the of sinners. It is not enough to in general recognize
	God as Father of all people. You must believe in Jesus, the Messiah, the Savior of sinners.
	-You must believe in the bodily existence of Christ. You must believe in the Jesus of the
	Bible (very God and very man). Explaining this truth about Christ takes up over half of the
	Creed-the gospel (the good news of Christ) is the point of Christian religion.
	-"This claim for Jesus is both the touchstone of Christianity and the ingredient that makes it As the whole New Testament was written to make and justify the claim, we should not be surprised when we find the Creed stating it with fuller detail than it states anything else." (Packer, 59)
2.	"His only begotten Son"
	-Jesus Christ is the Son of God in flesh. The word "begotten" is not to be understood how we think of it relating for human parents "begetting" a child. We must remember this is God using human language to describe something that is above us. We cannot see the word "begotten" as an evidence that there was a time when the Son was not "begotten." We must remember that God is outside of time so the very idea of there being a "time" when the Son was not "begotten" is error.



-Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son, our Lord?