

c. The result

(1) The council effectively answered the ~~Appollinarian~~ questions but did not give answers to what is called the Hypostatic Union controversy.. the question of relationships in Christ's nature. Indirectly it laid the foundations for the debates of the next 200 years.

Constantinople:

Results

(2) The expression in the Creed regarding the Holy Spirit laid the later struggles on "filioque" possible. The nature of the Spirit's movement and progression was really not a problem for the Constantinople thinkers but it would grow to be one in the next few centuries and remains one of the theological logjams in the present east-west world.

3. Contributions:

a. To CHRISTOLOGY: the emphasis is set that Christ is fully God, not merely a human body mastered by a Divine spirit. This formula will be tested in later years but it will remain the standard expression for the church to this day.

Contributions

b. To THEOLOGY PROPER: the character of the Holy Spirit is defined to make the "trinitarian" concept more plain and emphatic.

c. To ECCLESIOLOGY: the place of Constantinople is put with that of Rome in authority and the idea of bishopric sovereignty in the context of the "holy" "catholic" and "apostolic" church is strengthened.

C. The Third Ecumenical Council: Ephesus: 431 AD.

1. Background

a. The Political Foundations

(1) The Emperors now are Valentinian III in the west and Theodosius II in the east. The former is interested in strengthening the hadd of the western church through bringing the clergy closer together in the embrace of the Roman bishop. He will soon give an edict making all western clergy nominally subject to Rome. Theodosius II is interested in increasing the power of Constantinople for military and economic reasons.

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(2) In the Christian community there is an on-going rivalry in which Alexandria is beginning to feel left out. It is no national capital, has lost a lot of its former scholastic charm and the influence

Christology - Person of Christ
Nestor - Over-emphasized humanity of Christ, Dearly Immanent
[Everything Christ did as human effort - was suff. down & you could beat him]
Anthropology -