any who should fellowship with either would also be condemned.

(3)   The council ratified the ideas of Nicaea and Constantinople and presented 8 canons with the idea that no faith was orthodox that did not accord with the previous statements. What had been expressed in the two previous councils was the mind of the church.

NOTE: Although there were often political considerations, etc., in the background, much of the work of the councils was in a detailed study of the Scripture. We should not minimize the time and energy they put into this task.

c(4)The Aftermath

(1)   For the moment, Constantinople and Alexandria are united and have a common point of agreement with Rome. It is union in credal interpretations, not union in a new creed, per se.

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(2)   Nestorius is cast out and soon a group of men will follow him to form the Nestorian churches that eventually will be found inlimited numbers throughout the east. This group continues until today with a small remnant of churches in India and lower Mesopotamia.

(3)   The expressions given against Nestorius will serve to set the stage for the next conference in just a few years. Anyone speaking of one nature will be suspect and anyone speaking of two natures will be suspect and we will be caught in a battle of wits for correct theological expression.

5. Contributions

a.   To CHRISTOLOGY...again the orthodox doctrine is strengthened by asserting both full humanity and full deity...while not allowing the one to by-pass the other. The humanity is not just a passing vehicle but an integral part in the redemptive sequence.

Ephesus:

Contributions

b.   To SOTERIOLOGY...the means of salvation are determined to be grace and faith, not human ability and moral suasion. Of course this had been the faith of the church through the ages but it has now been tested and pronounced. As to how the grace was operative and grasped, that is not fully settled but no man will save himself or have the power objectively to save himself.

c.   To ECCLESIOLOGY...combined with the above,