

THE GREAT COUNCILS

Number	Location	Date	Caller	Item or issue of discussion	Resolution
1.	Nicaea	325	Constantine	Arianism...the doctrine that denied the eternal Person of Christ	Arianism condemned...all orthodox required to acknowledge that Christ is very God of very God...Nicene Creed produced.
2.	Constantinople	381	Theodosius	Apollinarianism...basically a denial of the true humanity of Christ	Apollinaris condemned. Nicene Creed supported. A new and fuller creed issued.
3.	Ephesus	431	Theodosius II	Nestorianism...a near denial of the true divinity of Christ. Also a good deal of thought on Pelagianism.	Nestorius condemned...The concept of Mary being the mother of God supported. Pelagianism also denounced...Augustinian theology triumphs.
4.	Chalcedon	451	Marcian	Eutychianism...an error on the nature of the Person of Christ...sometimes called monophysitism	Eutychus, et al all condemned. The doctrinal paper of Leo I accepted and the council issues a new Creed. Church opposing council create a schism and leave mainstream body.
5.	Constantinople	553	Justinian	Residue of Eutychian error	Three chapters condemned...Origen pronounced heretical. No heres
6.	Constantinople	680	Const. Pogonatus	Monothelitism...an error similar to Eutychianism but concentrating on Christ's will rather than His nature.	The view was condemned along with its chief spokesman, the late Roman bishop Honorius.
7.	Nicaea	787	Constantine VI	Iconism...use of icons in worship.	Decision that worship aids are legitimate but must not become objects of worship