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So, today many people will talk as if Arianism arose and the Council of Nicea settled it. Well in a sense it did, it came to the conclusion by a vote of 98% of those there and adopted the conclusion which in the end triumphed and is accepted today by all great sections of the Christian church, but it took another period of many many years for the church as a whole to realize that. But the council of Nicea ended and it seemed as if the thing was done just right. c.H_omo _____ Creed. The vital thing about it is the word Homouci the same essence the same being as the Father. There is only one God, Jesus Christ and God the Father are not simply manifestations, they are a permanent, continuing eternal difference between God the Father and God the Son and yet only One God.

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I trust you all have clearly in mind now the Council of Nicea and what Arianism was. Also the tremendous importance of the Council that the Emperor Constantine called to deal with this problem. It was called by the Emperor to deal with a matter that related to the whole empire and was called an ecumenical council. A council dealing with the whole inhabited world over which the emperor claimed to have control. Naturally it only dealt with the Christians which were in the empire and of course outside too, but it was the political leader who called it for the purpose of getting the Christian leaders to agree on this matter in order to stop the strife within the church. So we look at c. the Homo _____ Creed which I read to you and stressed that the vital word was the word Homo _____. The same essence as the Father. A word which had been condemned before because of being used by Paulus Samosata, the council had condemned it but they said they were not using it in a different sense. It is an essence ~~wh~~ from which comes the Father Son and Holy Spirit but an essence which is the Father Son and Holy Spirit. One God the same essence. Now in the West we call it substance but essence is perhaps a better translation. Into Latin they translate it consubstantia, the same substance but essence is more what the Greek means.