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Doing Theology in the Emerging Context

What is Unity?

John 17:11 –

“I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.”

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John 17:22-23 –

“The Glory you gave to me I have given to them, that they may be one just as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be completely one, so that the world will know that you sent me, and you have loved them just as you have loved me.”

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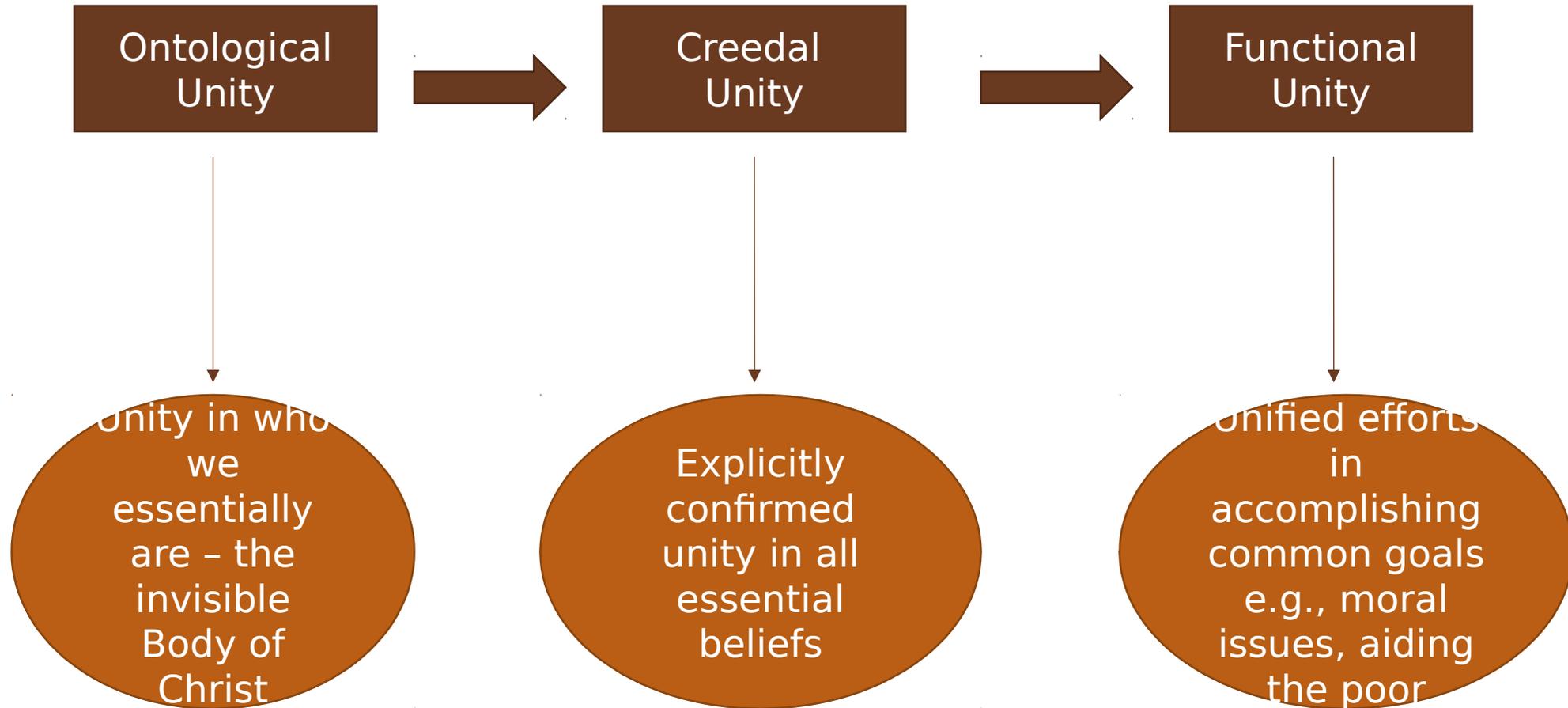
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Ephesians 4:3–6: Paul states:

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

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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

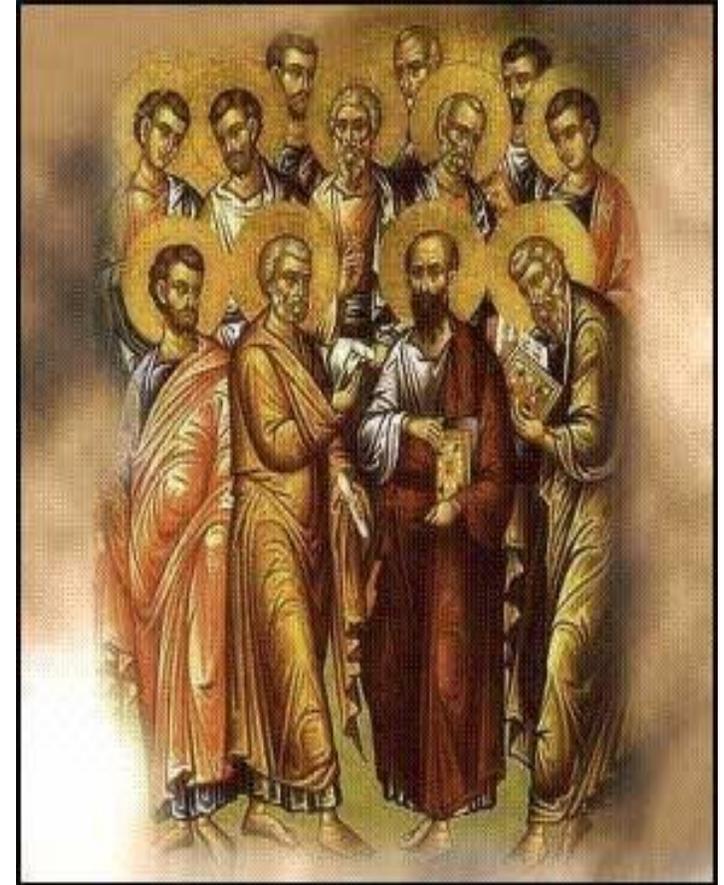
I believe in the Holy Ghost

I believe a holy catholic church; the communion of saints

The forgiveness of sins

The resurrection of the body

And the life everlasting. Amen.



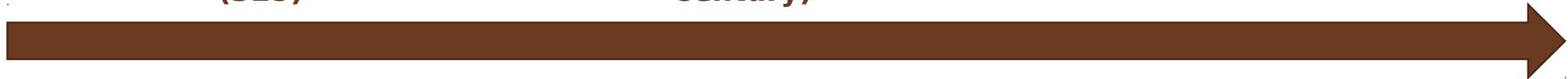
Unity and Diversity Among the Traditions

Doctrine of Man and Grace (Fifth Century)

Doctrine of Christ (Definition of Chalcedon - 451)

Trinity Counsel of Nicaea (325)

Doctrine of the Atonement (Eleventh Century)



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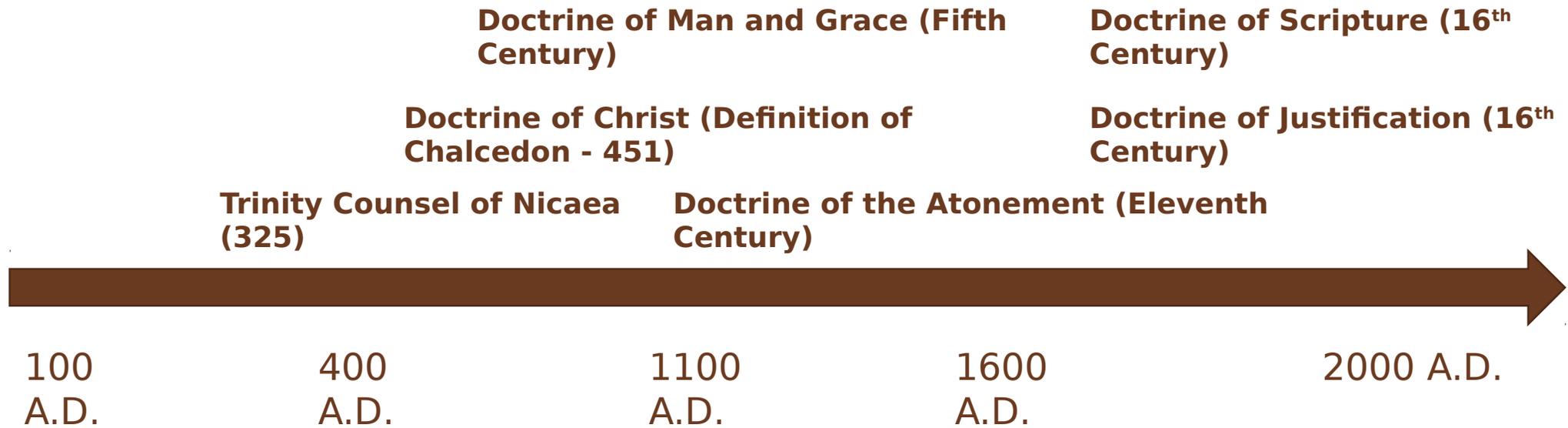
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Unity and Diversity Among the Protestant Denominations



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FIVE 'SOLAS' OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Reformed Understanding	Sola Scriptura	Solus Christus	Sola Gratia	Sola Fide	Soli Deo Gloria
Meaning	The "Scripture alone" contains primary authority to dictate the lives of believers	The work of "Christ alone" is the basis for justification	Justification is by means of God's "grace alone."	"Faith alone" is the only instrumental cause of justification	All is done for "God's glory alone."

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- **Bibliology and Hermeneutics**: This course focuses on the authority, nature, and interpretation (hermeneutics) of the Scriptures. It is designed to help students work through issues that concern the trust they place in the Bible and its interpretation. Issues like: Is the Bible that we have today the same as when it was originally written? Do we have the right books? How do we know that the Bible is inspired by God? How do we interpret Scripture?
- **Trinitarianism**: Who is God? Better yet, *what* is God? Can we know for certain that He exists? If so, how? How can God be one yet three? How can Christ be both God and man? Why didn't Christ know the time of His coming?
- **Humanity and Sin**: Why did God create man? What is man? What happened when Adam sinned? Are we condemned for the sin of another? Do we have a free will? Men and women: what is the big difference?

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- **Soteriology**: This course is a study of the nature of salvation. Focus will be made on the doctrine of justification - the central issue of the Reformation. Much time will be spent attempting to understand the ongoing debate between God's sovereignty in salvation and man's responsibility. It will answer questions such as: Are we really predestined by God? If so, isn't this unfair? Why did Christ die on the cross? Did he pay for all sins or just the sins of the elect? What is the difference between Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestants with regard to salvation? Can a person lose their salvation? If so, how? Is Christ the only way to heaven? What about those who have never heard?
- **Ecclesiology and Eschatology**: What is the nature of the Church? What is the difference between dispensational and covenant theologians with regard to the church? What should the Church be doing? What are the gifts God has given to the church? What is the difference in premillennialism, amillennialism, and postmillennialism?

“SIMPLE GOSPEL”

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