

The Sonship of X & our Redemption

- 3 reasons why a theologian should pay attention to hist. of theol.
1. Hist. reflects teaching ministry of HS thru ages. Guide into or in truth = guide into a wider sphere of truth
 2. Enables us to stand on shoulders of great scholars of past
 3. Crisis in theol. tend to drive men to think deeper & clearer.
e.g. Luther, Calvin, e.g. HS today of Rom. Pattern of Christianity.

Orations against Arius. 4th but genuine but 3 are.

Written during exile to Trice in Gaul which began in 385 AD.

Gospel of John chiefly used. That revolves around Jn 1:1-3

(prologist. Divine logos) & Jn 1:14 (logos become flesh)

Was Phil 2:6-8 as well. Arius fail to see scope of Script. which teach deity & humanity of X.

I. The Theol. of The Arians.

Athanasius attacks the Arians'

1. Abstract metaphysical monotheism
2. Son cannot be God in any real sense. 3. Son did not always exist & there was once when he was not.
4. Son cannot be from the essence of God (if there is only 1 God, for essence is indivisible)
5. If ~~X~~ Son is ungenerated, Son is originated & has a beginning
6. If Son not from essence of God, he is from nothing.
& ∴ a creature.
7. If God is unchangeable, Son is alterable

II. The Theol of Athanasius against Arius

A. Concept of God

1. Is the Unoriginate one or 2.

Ath says *αγεγεννητος* not used

in Script & when one term, it is in of to Things (Creation) not in of to Son. Term Father implies Son. e.g. birds proper doesn't begin 'Our unoriginate'. Arius never spoke of love of God.

Essence = essential being
Attributes are properties of being
If show G has (absolute
attributes (he does with eternity)
He is God.

2. The Concept of The Logos.

Arius dist. bet Logos (= God) & Son who can only be called Logos by grace. Ath same Logos = Son & became incarnate

3. Eternity of Son.

Arius said Son "created thing" "made thing" & "originate"
"but not as one of the creatures." Ath proves eternity of
Son from John. § 14:6 "I am" not "I became".
10:14, 8:12, 13:13, 8:58.

Error of Arius lies in looking at relations independently
of the processions without which we could not know
There are relations within God. Doct of eternal Sonship
is a moot doctum - S & T

cf Warfield on Calvin & Trinity. How do we know there
is a rel. bet Son & Father? Only thru eternal sonship.
If no eternal sonship then rel. within Trinity are in perich. .
Begetting of Son pertains to Persons of Trinity, not essence

4. If Son not with Father from Eternity, then Trinity is
not eternal.