

We could take ^{an 8 year} each (a) course simply looking at the doctrinal disputes in the Christian church from the beginning until now. We could easily do that and it would be hewing out broken cisterns. It is interesting to look at ideas human beings have had, but it does not prove anything. What matters is what the Word of God says. I'll read you one sentence here from this letter that I think is particularly bad. He says, "It is invaluable in understanding doctrine to understand how it received its present formulation. Our Christology did not suddenly pop out of thin air. It emerged in the fourth century after many trial formulations."

I think that is utterly ridiculous. ~~We got --~~ Our theology does not emerge out of the minds of sinful human beings, but it developed from the study by human beings of the Word of God to see what is taught there and what is clearly taught there we can stand on. And the Christology of the Apostles and their immediate successors was every bit as good as the Christology of men in the fourth century. The early Christians went out and they said Jesus is God. And they said there is one God. That's all you need to know. Because you can't understand it. How is Jesus God, and God the Father, God the Son -- they are separate? Jesus said, I do nothing of myself. The Son does nothing of Himself but what He sees the Father do, that He does. They are separate and yet they are one. There is only one God. You can't understand it. It's absolutely impossible to understand it. Arius said that there was a time when the Son did not exist, and the Council of Nicea said that is wrong. Jesus is God from the very beginning. He ^{of} is/the same substance as the Father. How can that be? How can He be man and be God at the same time? Well, Appolinarius said, He has a human body and a human soul but a divine spirit. That's how they are