

An aerial photograph of a serene landscape. A dark blue lake occupies the lower-left and central portions of the frame. To the right, a road curves through a dense forest of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of green, yellow, and orange. The top-left corner of the image is dark, suggesting a shadow or a transition to a black background. A white circle is partially visible in the top-right corner.

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EKKLESIA

EK (G1537) – Preposition meaning out of, from, away from

KALEO (G2753) – Verb meaning to call

So What Does EKKLESIA
mean?

A gathering of those called out

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GATE S OF HADE S



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Jerry Csaki

You were there so you can confirm it. I've read accounts that this is referred to as the gates of Hades. This is in Caesarea Philippi where the Greek would have made sacrifice to Pan correct?

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Jerry Csaki

Well most say gates of hell to describe that location but I know Jesus used the word hades in matthew 16. So hades seems to be correct in greek if in fact Jesus was actually making reference to this with Peter.

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John 15:26 (NASB)

26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, namely, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, He will testify about Me,

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What comes along with that Statement?

DON'T MANY BELIEFS CLAIM JESUS AS MESSIAH AND/OR THE SON OF GOD?

YES but some we would consider outside Christian Orthodoxy

- Some would make this truth claim but then claim that Jesus was just a god, one of many.
- Some would make this truth claim and say God was once a man.
- Some would make this truth claim and then deny the trinity and just say God manifests himself as needed, sometimes as the Father, at times the Son and other times the Spirit.

Pause for Clarification

- We don't need to grill everyone that claims to be a follower with questions about what do you believe about the trinity, or the deity of Christ or imputed righteousness.
- Ignorance or immaturity on doctrine is completely different than rejection of doctrine

This is one of many reasons why Discipleship is so important

Different Time, Same Issues

- *Arianism – Denied the deity of Christ and that Jesus was God's first created being*
- *Pelagianism – Adam's sin did not impact man and we are born innocent*
- *Marcionism – Rejects the Old Testament as Authoritative*
- *Sabellianism/Modalism – Only one person, that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are manifestations but yet are not distinct persons*
- *Docetism – Jesus only seemed to be human*
- *Nestorianism – Jesus existed as two people, body and Spirit. He had a divine nature and human nature and they were completely separate of each other.*
- *Gnosticism – Spirit and Matter are separate, spirit good and matter bad*
 - *Ascetism*
 - *Antinomianism*

Different Time, Same Issues

- *First Council of Nicea (325) – Affirmed the deity of Christ. The false doctrine of Arianism was rejected.*
- *First Council of Constantinople (381) – Clarified the nature of the Holy Spirit*
- *Council of Ephesus (431) – Clarified the nature of Christ's personhood. The false teaching of Nestorianism was repudiated.*
- *Council of Chalcedon (451) – Clarified the teaching concerning Christ's nature and person, including the "hypostatic union."*
- *Second Council of Constantinople (553) – Confirmed the conclusions of the first four*

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Early Church Fathers

Origen

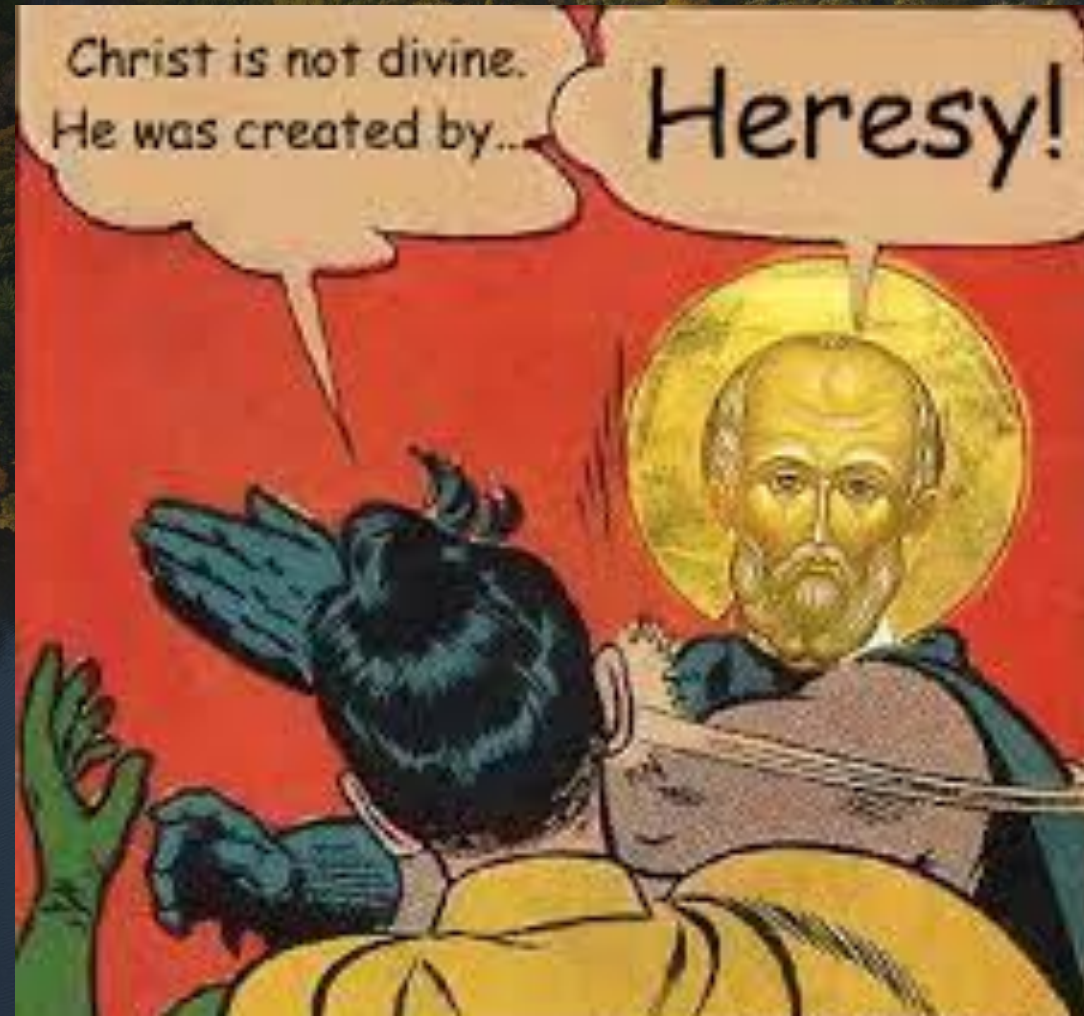
- *Augustine*
- *Ireneus*
- *Ignatius*
- *Athanasius*

- *Tertullian*
- *Justin Martyr*
- *Jerome*
- *Polycarp*
- *Nicholas (Council of Nicea)*

A SAINT NICK SMACKDOWN OF ARIUS?



REALLY?

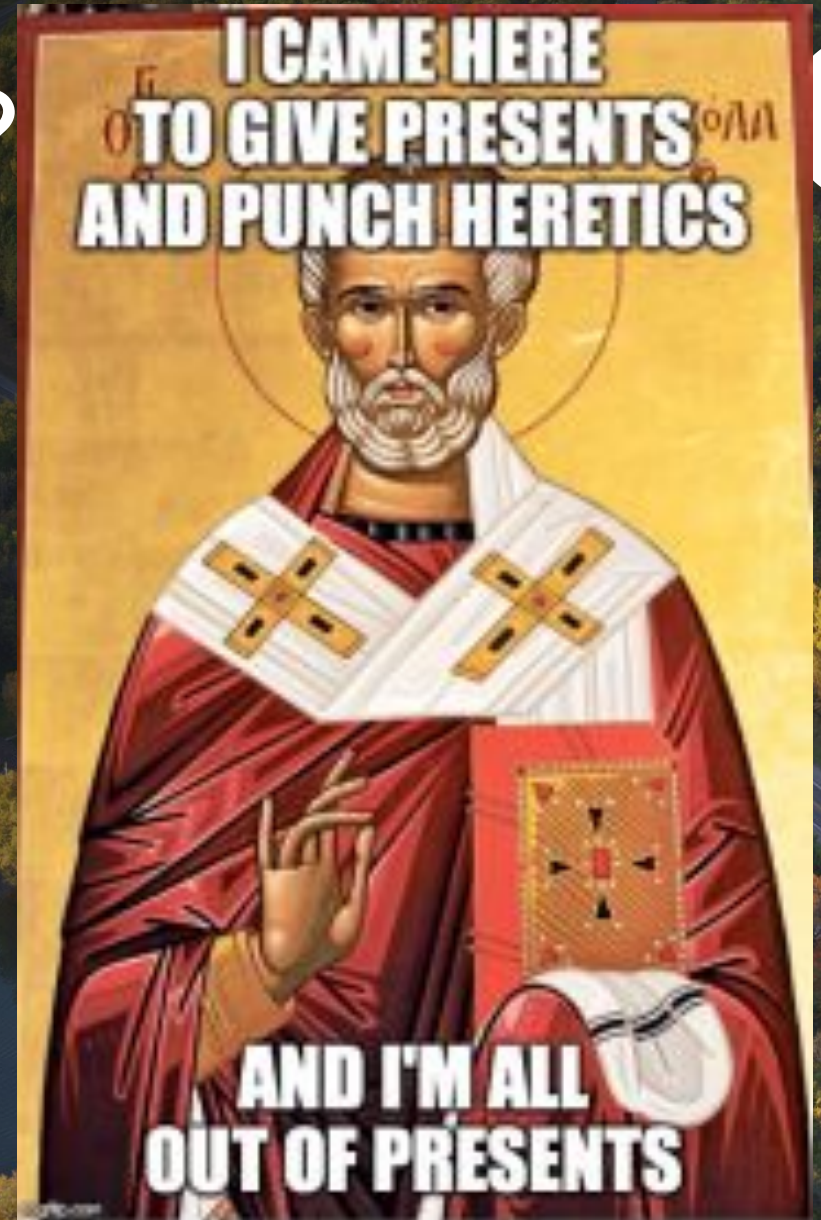


THE REAL SANTA?

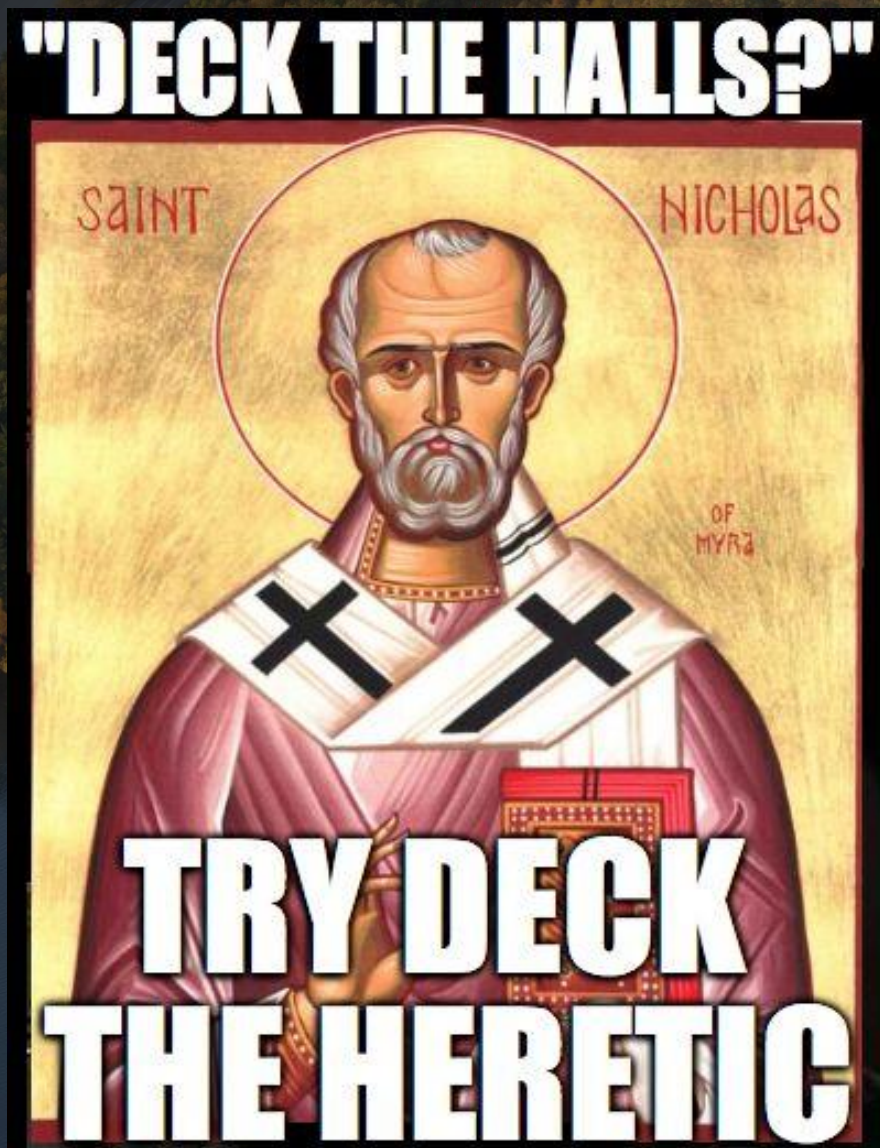


**IS SANTA GONNA HAVE
TO SLAP A HERETIC?**

REAL SANTA – PART 2?



*NEW FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS
TUNE?*



THE REAL POINT IN ALL THIS IS

UNITY

- We unify under the core doctrines of our Faith
- We also understand that all denominations have errors on secondary doctrine
- All the Biblical Churches had secondary issues/errors
 - 1 and 2 John – Faced Gnostic influence
 - Thessalonica had Eschatology issues
 - Romans had issues with displaced Jews merging back with a Gentile Church
 - Galatia – Judaizers were leading people away from Christ.
 - 5 of 7 Churches in Revelation were Warned (maybe not secondary but still issues)
 - Corinth was just one big issue (to those Sanctified in Christ)
 - Guess what, all churches have Doctrinal errors they believe
- This should not only help us to unify the TRUE CHURCH but also keep us, especially us teachers, HUMBLE.

SPIRITUAL GIANTS WITH THEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES

• John Calvin
• B. B. Warfield

WELL KNOWN "CALVINISTS"

- Charles Spurgeon
- Francis Schaeffer
- George Mueller
- George Whitefield
- John Bunyan
- John Foxe
- John Knox
- Jonathan Edwards
- Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- Martin Luther
- D.A. Carson
- James White
- John F. MacArthur
- John Piper
- Albert Mohler
- R.C. Sproul

WELL KNOWN "ARMINIANS"

- Jacobus Arminius
- AW Tozer
- John Wesley
- Leonard Ravenhill
- CS Lewis
- Oswald Chambers
- DL Moody
- William Lane Craig
- Craig Keener
- David Pawson

Jewish Voice
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