

Belgic Confession of Faith (1561)

Article X

Jesus Christ Is True and Eternal God

Leader: We believe that Jesus Christ according to His divine nature is the only begotten Son of God, begotten from eternity,¹ not made, nor created (for then He would be a creature), but co-essential² and co-eternal with the Father,³ *the very image of his substance and the effulgence of his glory*, equal unto Him in all things.

People: **He is the Son of God, not only from the time that He assumed our nature but from all eternity, as these testimonies, when compared together, teach us. Moses says that God created the world; and St. John says that all things were made by that Word which he calls God. The apostle says that God made the world by His Son; likewise, that God created all things by Jesus Christ.**⁴

Leader: Therefore it must needs follow that He who is called God, the Word, the Son, and Jesus Christ, did exist at that time when all things were created by Him. Therefore the prophet Micah says: *His going forth are from of old, from everlasting*. And the apostle: *He hath neither beginning of days nor end of life*.

People: **He therefore is that true, eternal, and almighty God whom we invoke, worship, and serve.**

¹ Jn. 1:1-3, 14, 18, 49; Jn. 8:58; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:5-8

² Jn. 10:30; Phil. 2:6; Heb. 1:3

³ Jn. 1:2; 17:3; Heb. 7:3; Rev. 1:8; Mic. 5:2

⁴ Jn. 1:3; Heb. 1:2; Col. 1:16