

God the Creator

A. The heresy of Platonic Gnosticism

Heaven is good; Earth is bad.

Soul is good; Body is bad.

Docetism: Jesus just seemed to be human. He was really a divine phantom.

B. The early church attacks Gnosticism

John 1:14

1 Timothy 4:1-8

Colossians 2:20-23

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.... The third day he rose again from the dead....

I believe in...the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

C. How to rightly read Scripture against Gnosticism (things vs. actions)

1 John 2:15-17: "do not love the world"

1 Peter 2:11: "aliens and strangers in the world"

Colossians 3:1-2: "set your minds on things above, not on earthly things"

2 Corinthians 4:18: "fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen"