

## **HOMOIOUSION**

term meaning “of like substance” and used by many who were [caught](#) between the extremes of the [Nicene](#) party (HOMOOUSION, “of the same substance”) and the radical [Arians](#) who had emerged about 355. The great majority of moderates rallied under [Basil](#) of Ancyra around the compromise *homoiousion*, among them Melitius of Antioch and [CYRIL OF JERUSALEM](#).

Through the statesmanship of such orthodox leaders as Athanasius and Hilary of Poitiers, the Homoiousions, who were not far removed from the orthodox position and were increasingly apprehensive of the threat of ARIANISM, were brought into the camp of the Homoousions by the [Council of Constantinople](#) in 381. Earlier concerns about the [Nicene](#) party, which had to be overcome in the process, were a dislike of the term *homoousion* and distrust of some of its advocates.

Once their fears that the [Nicene](#) party was really Sabellian (“modalist” MONARCHIANISM) had been calmed, fear of increasingly radical [Arianism](#) made the Homoousions more acceptable to the Homoiousions.

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