

# The Nicene Creed

(Scripture references have been suggested for your own personal review and study)

I believe in one God,<sup>1</sup> the Father Almighty,<sup>2</sup> Maker of heaven and earth,<sup>3</sup> and of all things visible and invisible.<sup>4</sup>

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>5</sup> the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds;<sup>6</sup> God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made,<sup>7</sup> being of one substance with the Father,<sup>8</sup> by whom all things were made.<sup>9</sup>

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven,<sup>10</sup> and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;<sup>11</sup> and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;<sup>12</sup> he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;<sup>13</sup> and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;<sup>14</sup> and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.<sup>15</sup>

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life;<sup>16</sup> who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;<sup>17</sup> who spoke by the prophets.<sup>18</sup> And I believe in one holy catholic<sup>19</sup> and apostolic<sup>20</sup> Church.<sup>21</sup> I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;<sup>22</sup> and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Exodus 20:2-3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29-31

<sup>2</sup> Exodus 6:3; Job 11:7; Matthew 6:9; Ephesians 4:6; Malachi 2:10; Genesis 35:11

<sup>3</sup> Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 44:24; Acts 17:24

<sup>4</sup> Colossians 1:16; Romans 1:20

<sup>5</sup> Acts 11:17; Romans 10:9; 13:14; 2 Corinthians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:1

<sup>6</sup> John 1:2; 1:18; 3:16; Hebrews 1:6; Matthew 14:33; Revelation 1:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Psalms 2:7; 27:1; John 1:1-3; 8:12; 14:9; 17:5; 20:28; Hebrews 1:5; 1 John 1:5; 5:20

<sup>8</sup> John 10:30; Isaiah 44:6; Philippians 2:6; John 10:38; Colossians 2:9; Revelation 1:8

<sup>9</sup> John 1:3,10,14; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2

<sup>10</sup> 1 Thessalonians 5:9; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:3-5; 2 Timothy 3:15; John 6:38, 51

<sup>11</sup> Matthew 1:1, 18; Luke 1:27, 35; John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Romans 1:3

<sup>12</sup> Matthew 27:2,26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:24-25; John 19:6; Acts 2:36

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 16:21; Mark 8:31; 15:46; Luke 23:53; 24:1, 5-7; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

<sup>14</sup> Luke 24:51; John 20:17; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 3:21,22; Acts 1:9; 7:55; Mark 16:19

<sup>15</sup> Acts 1:10-11; 10:42; 17:30-31; 20:12-15; John 5:22; Luke 1:33; 2 Timothy 4:1; 2 Peter 1:11; Revelation 1:7

<sup>16</sup> Genesis 1:2; John 3:5; 14:17; Acts 5:3,4; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Titus 3:5

<sup>17</sup> Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19; Luke 11:13; John 15:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14

<sup>18</sup> 1 Samuel 19:20; Ezekiel 11:5; John 14:26; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21

<sup>19</sup> "**catholic**" does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church, but the true *universal* Church of the Lord Jesus Christ of all times and all places.

<sup>20</sup> "**apostolic**" is in reference to the authoritative role and *teaching* of the Apostles in laying the Church's one foundation—Jesus Christ her Lord (eg. 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:19-20)

<sup>21</sup> Matthew 18:20; John 14:25-26; 16:12-15; 17:20-23; Acts 2:42; Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 3:1-15; Ephesians 2:19-20; 4:1-6; Philippians 4:3; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 3:15; Philemon 1:2; Hebrews 12:23; 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 21:27

<sup>22</sup> Matthew 26:28; 28:18,19; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3,4; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Peter 3:21

<sup>23</sup> Mark 10:29-30; John 3:16; 11:25-27; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 15:12, 21-22; Hebrews 6:1-2