

## The Nicene Creed (325 AD)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins\*\*; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*Traditional use of this creed uses the word "catholic" meaning the universal church and does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church*

*\*\*We do not believe the phrase, "We confess one baptism for the remission of sins," teaches baptismal regeneration or means that baptism itself results in forgiveness of sins. Rather, we believe that the statement refers to the Christian gospel as depicted in baptism and thus that the Christian gospel is the only gospel that truly saves (see similar statements in Scripture regarding baptism including Mark 1:4; Acts 2:38).*