

The Nicene Creed

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

I believe in one Lord Jesus
Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all
ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were
made.

Discussion Points:

1. Trinity (One God, three persons).
 - a. John 10:30; "The Father and I are One"
 - b. John 1:1-2; "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."
 - c. 2 Cor 3:17; "Now the Lord is the Spirit"
2. All Things Created by God through Jesus Christ
 - a. John 1:3; "Through him all things came into being, not one thing came into being except through him."
 - b. Col 1:15-18; "He is the image of the unseen God, the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, thrones, ruling forces, sovereignties, powers – all things were created through him and for him. He exists before all things and in him all things hold together and he is the Head of the Body, that is, the Church."
3. The Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages ... True God from True God, begotten, not made.
 - a. John 1:1-2, and Col 1:15-18.
 - b. John 3:16; "For God so loved the world. As to give his only begotten Son" Douay-Rheims 1899 American Edition, King James Version... Jesus is the begotten son, we are adopted children, however the word begotten is an English

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was
buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,

translation of the Greek text
that does not necessarily
imply he was created, and so
the creed emphasizes the
point Jesus as second person
of trinity has no beginning or
end (was not created) as John
1:1-2 states.

4. By the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
 - a. Luke 1:35; "The Holy Spirit will come upon you , and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow, and the child will be holy and will be called Son of God."
5. Rose again on the 3rd day, according to scriptures
 - a. Prophecy of Old Testament, fulfilled in New Testament – Jesus Christ. The unity of all salvation history.
6. Ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 - a. John 16:7; "because unless I go, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
 - b. Ascension allows Jesus to be present in "Body of Christ" through the Holy Spirit (Col 1:18 above).
 - c. Right hand of the Father – sharing authority and all things with the Father. John 1:1.
7. Will come again
 - a. The two comings of Christ.
8. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified..
 - a. John 14:26; "But the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own Peace I give to you..”

- b. John 16:13-15; “However, when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking of his own accord, but will say only what he has been told; and he will reveal to you the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he reveals to you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: all he reveals to you will be taken from what is mine.

9. one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church

- a. universal, descended upon apostles, filled with Holy Spirit

10. One Baptism

- a. Not repeated, we recognize baptism by other denominations.

11. Resurrection from the Dead

- a. End times – Eschatology
- b. Individual & Communal Judgement
- c. New Heaven and a New Earth (2 Peter 3:10-13, Rev 21:1-5)