



The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again 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.

We 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 worshiped and gloried, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Psalm 95:6-7 (KJV)

O come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. ⁷For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

John 6:53-56 (NIV)

Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

Review of Our Family Tree

- Christianity has deep roots in Judaism.
- The first followers of Jesus were not Orthodox, nor Roman Catholics, but “Nazarenes,” followers of “The Way,” or simply, “Christians.”
- By the end of the 1st century, Rome was the center of the church, with likely the largest group of Christians.
- Not until the end of the 4th century was the Bishop of Rome known as the “Pope.” The word means “Father.”
- In the 7th century, the western churches added three words to the Nicene Creed – “and the Son.”

- In 1054, Pope Leo IX and Patriarch Michael I excommunicated each other and the Christian Church split.
- The Orthodox Church states that the Roman Catholic Church broke away from them by adding to the creed and giving too much authority to the Bishop of Rome (Pope).
- The Roman Catholic Church states that the Orthodox Church broke away from them.

Protestants and Roman Catholics

We agree on the essentials of our faith
as contained in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed.

We agree...

- In the _____. There is one God revealed in three Persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- In the _____ of Jesus.
- In the _____ death of Jesus.
- In the bodily _____ of Jesus.
- In the _____ of Jesus.
- That our salvation is by the _____ of God.

Our primary differences arise from the _____ of the church and the doctrines that have arisen from those traditions.

We disagree...

- On the _____.
- On the doctrine of _____.
Bread physically changes into the actual flesh of Jesus
Wine physically changes into the actual blood of Jesus
- On the doctrines of _____.
 - The perpetual virginity of Mary
 - The Immaculate Conception of Mary
 - The sinlessness of Mary
 - The bodily assumption of Mary
- On the doctrine of _____.