

THE NICENE CREED

Formulated at the 1st Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.

Adopted as the true expression of faith at the 2nd Council of Constantinople in 381 A.D.

We are Trinitarian: Father, Son, Spirit —

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

2 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.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

Incarnation

3 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

4 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.

Paschal Mystery

The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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

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

7 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,
who has spoken through the prophets.

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

9 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.

The Four Marks of the Church

One—there is only one bride of Christ and that is the Catholic Church

Holy—through the grace of Jesus Christ the Church is made holy even though all her members are not

Catholic—universal in mission; same full Gospel is preached everywhere

Apostolic—our faith is handed down from the original apostles

1. What will Jesus do when He comes at the end of time?
2. How long will the Kingdom of God last?
3. What do we call the passion (suffering), death and resurrection of Jesus?
4. What are some of the "invisible" things that God has created?
5. What is the mystery of our Faith, God the son, the Second Person of the Trinity becoming man called?
6. How did God make His plan of salvation known before Jesus?
7. Because we believe in One God who is three Divine Persons, our Faith is called... (look at the notes around the edge of the Creed paper)
8. What do we believe will happen to us after our death and at the end of the world when Jesus comes again? (Not be judged...) "I look forward to..."
9. Upon which mystery of our Faith is all that we believe about Jesus based?
10. Did God the Father, Son or Spirit exist before one another or do they have more power than one another?