

# Foundation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

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**Colossians 2:7** Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.

**1 Corinthians 15:14** And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

## 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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 glorified, 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

*(Modern Translation: English Language Liturgica)*

## BIG - WE

**Romans 12:5** ... so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

## DEEP - THREE

**John 1:10, 14** But although the world was made through him, the world didn't recognize him when he came.... So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us."

**John 14:16 -17** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, because he lives with you now and later will be in you."

**1 Corinthians.6:19** Or don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?

## **WIDE - HIS LOVE FOR ME**

**John 1:1** In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and he was God.

**John 3:17** God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

**Ephesians 3:18-19** And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

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### ***Additional Scriptures:***

Gen. 1:2, 1:26, 3:22, 11:7; Deut. 6:4; Isa. 6:8, 46:9; Jn. 1:1, 14:26, 20:28, Acts 5:3-4; Rom. 1:7; 2 Cor. 13:14, Col. 1:15-16; Heb. 1:2