

The Creed



Creed - Credo – I Believe

- Where does it come from?
- What does it mean?



St. Paul



Paul's Proto-Creed mid 50s

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1 Corinthians 15:3-8



The Roman Creed – 2nd Century

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- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord
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- Crucified under Pontius Pilate and buried
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- He ascended into Heaven
- And is seated at the right hand of the Father
- Whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead
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- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
- Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
- Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell;
- The third day He rose again from the dead,
- He ascended into Heaven,
- And is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
- From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
- the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,
- the forgiveness of sins,
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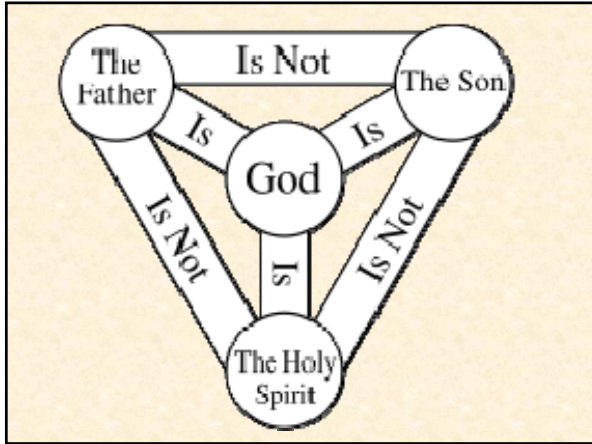
The Nicene Creed – 4th Century

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One God the Father Almighty

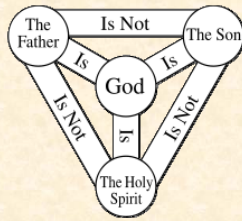
- God Exists
- God needs nothing
- God created everything
- God has a plan
- God's plan pertains to every person and to each person
- God's plan is a drama





What Does it Mean?

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



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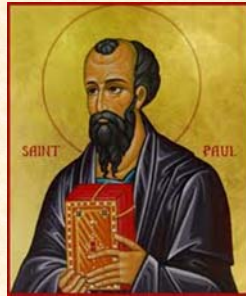


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- . . . For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles
- 1 Cor 1:22-23



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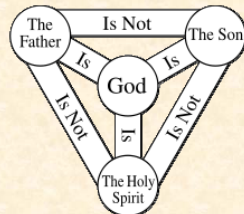
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Christology – Who Jesus Was

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| <p>Jesus was Human</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? (Mark 6:3) • And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Messiah." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. (Mark 8:29-30) • Arianism - denies that the Son is of one essence, nature, or substance with God • The Nicene Creed | <p>Jesus was God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1) • Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM. (John 8: 58) • Docetism - teaches that Christ only "appeared" or "seemed to be a man, to have been born, to have lived and suffered • Paul's Proto-Creed |
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Who He was

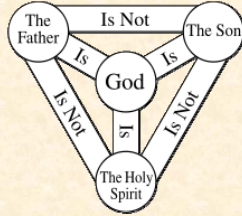
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Against Arianism

What He did

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**



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Reflection and Discussion

- Take a few minutes to read through the reflection and discussion questions
- Answer each of the questions from your own perspective – **there are no right or wrong answers to these questions**
- Go around the table and have each person share their answers
- Pick one of the answers for your table to share with the room