

THE NICENE CREED¹ (*with Scriptural evidence²*)

Article 1:

We³ believe in one God⁴,
the Father⁵, the Almighty⁶,
maker of heaven and earth⁷,
of all that is, seen and unseen⁸.

Article 2:

We believe in one Lord⁹, Jesus Christ¹⁰,
the only Son of God¹¹,
eternally¹² begotten of the Father¹³,
God from God¹⁴, Light from Light¹⁵,
true God from true God¹⁶,
begotten, not made¹⁷,
of one Being with the Father¹⁸.
Through him all things were made¹⁹.
For us²⁰ and for our salvation²¹
he came down from heaven²²;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary²³, and was made man²⁴.
For our sake²⁵ he was crucified²⁶ under Pontius Pilate²⁷;
he suffered death²⁸ and was buried²⁹.
On the third day he rose again³⁰
in accordance with the Scriptures³¹;
he ascended into heaven³²
and is seated at the right hand of the Father³³.
He will come again³⁴ in glory³⁵ to judge the living and the dead³⁶,
and his kingdom will have no end³⁷.

Article 3:

We believe in the Holy Spirit³⁸, the Lord³⁹, the giver of life⁴⁰,
who proceeds from the Father⁴¹ and the Son⁴².
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified⁴³.
He has spoken through the prophets⁴⁴.
We believe in one⁴⁵ holy⁴⁶ catholic⁴⁷ and apostolic⁴⁸ Church⁴⁹.
We acknowledge one Baptism⁵⁰ for the forgiveness of sins⁵¹.
We look for the resurrection of the dead⁵²,
and the life of the world to come⁵³. Amen⁵⁴

1. The Nicene Creed's short history: First adopted at the Council of Nicea (325 AD) and later modified at the Council of Constantinople (381 AD), to address numerous heresies (false teachings) in the church; chief amongst them would be the Gnostic and Arian heresies.

2. This compilation lists specific verses that directly refer to the word or phrase associated. It is by no means exhaustive, and many of the words/phrases/themes of the creed can also be identified throughout Holy Scripture in lengthy passages and the overarching themes presented in Scripture itself. This is one of the primary reasons that the Christian must indeed immerse themselves in the study of Scripture daily!
3. “*We:*” The corporate “we” is used to indicate our resolve of faith in numbers, as a collective family of God, which also follows the original language of the creed.
4. “*One God:*” Malachi 2:10; Mark 12:29, 32; Romans 3:30; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:9
5. “*The Father:*” Matthew 6:9; John 5:18; John 20:17; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6; 1 John 3:1;
6. “*The Almighty:*” Genesis 17:1; Psalm 46:7; Isaiah 37:16; Revelation 1:8
7. “*Maker of Heaven and Earth:*” Genesis 1:1ff; Revelation 4:11
8. “*seen and unseen:*” Amos 4:13; Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 11:3
9. “*One Lord:*” Luke 7:18-19; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:5
10. “*Jesus Christ:*” Matthew 1:16; Matthew 27:22; John 20: 30-31; Acts 2: 36
11. “*only Son of God:*” John 3:16
12. “*eternally begotten:*” John 1:1-3, 14; Colossians 1:15-17
13. “*begotten of the Father:*” Matthew 1:20-22; Luke 1:35
14. “*God from God:*” John 1:1-2
15. “*Light from Light:*” Psalm 27:1; 36:9; Isaiah 53:7; Isaiah 60:1-3; John 1:4; John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23
16. “*true God from true God:*” John 17:3; 1 John 5:20
17. “*begotten, not made:*” Matthew 1:20; John 1:3, 18;
18. “*of one being (substance) with the Father:*” John 1:1, 14; John 10:30; John 17:21
19. “*through him all things were made:*” John 1:3; 10; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2
20. “*For us:*” Matthew 1:21; Acts 2:21; Acts 11:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 1 Timothy 2:4;

21. “*and for our salvation:*” Psalm 98:2; Luke 1:77; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31; Romans 1:16; Colossians 1:13-14
22. “*he came down from heaven:*” John 3:13; John 6:33, 38, 51; 1 Corinthians 15:47;
23. “*of the Holy Spirit... incarnate from the virgin Mary:*” Matthew 1:20-21; Luke 1:34-35
24. “*was made man:*” see note 22; John 1:14; Acts 2:22; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 2:14
25. “*for our sake:*” see note 19; Romans 5:8; Romans 8:32; 1 John 3:16
26. “*he was crucified:*” Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:33; John 19:18; Acts 2:36; 1 Corinthians 1:23
27. “*under Pontius Pilate:*” Mark 15:15; Luke 23:24-25; John 19:16; Acts 13:28
28. “*suffered death:*” Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30; Romans 6:3; 2 Corinthians 4:10
29. “*was buried:*” Matthew 27:58-60; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:40-42
30. “*third day he rose again:*” Matthew 27:63, 28:6; Mark 8:31, 16:6; Luke 24:6-7
31. “*in accordance with the Scriptures:*” Luke 24:27, 45-46; Acts 18:28; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
32. “*ascended into heaven:*” Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9, 11; Ephesians 4:8-10
33. “*seated at the right hand of the Father:*” Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62, 16:19; Luke 22:69; Acts 2:32-33; Romans 8:34
34. “*he will come again:*” Daniel 7:13; John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 22:20
35. “*in glory:*” Matthew 24:30; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27; Hebrews 1:3; 1 Peter 4:13
36. “*judge the living and the dead:*” Matthew 16:27; Acts 10:42; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5
37. “*his kingdom will have no end:*” Daniel 4:3; Luke 1:33; Hebrews 1:8; 2 Peter 1:11
38. “*Holy Spirit:*” Psalm 51:11; Luke 1:35; John 14:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:8
39. “*the Lord:*” (Holy Spirit as God) 1 Thessalonians 4:8; 2 Corinthians 3:17
40. “*the giver of life:*” Job 33:4; John 6:63; 2 Corinthians 3:6

41. “proceeds from the Father:” Joel 2:28; John 14:26; John 15:26
42. “and the Son:” Luke 24:49; John 16:7; John 20:22
43. “With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified:” John 4:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 3:3
44. “spoken through the prophets:” Nehemiah 9:30; Acts 28:25; Ephesians 2:20, 3:4-5; 1 Peter 1:10-11;
45. “one:” 1 Corinthians 6:17, 8:6; Ephesians 4:3-4
46. “holy:” 1 Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:4, 5:27; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 Peter 2:9
47. “catholic:” Here the word “catholic” (greek Καθολικός or catholikos) is used to retain the original intent and meaning from the original creedal language. The word literally means “universal,” as in there is one church of Christ, that is united as long as it remains pure in God’s Word and faith toward the triune God. Matthew 28:19; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10, 19
48. “apostolic:” Acts 1:24-25, 2:42; Ephesians 2:20
49. “church:” Matthew 16:18; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 10:17
50. “one baptism:” Galatians 3:26-27; Ephesians 4:5; Colossians 2:12
51. “for the forgiveness of sins:” Luke 3:3; Acts 2:38, 22:16; Colossians 2:13-15;
52. “resurrection of the dead:” Romans 6:4-5; 1 Corinthians 15:12-22; Philippians 3:10-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
53. “life of the world to come:” (eternal life/God’s heavenly kingdom) John 3:16, 14:1-3; Romans 6:23; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1
54. “Amen:” (greek ἀμήν) - used by Jesus frequently in the Gospels, often translated “truly truly,” or “verily verily,” creating an emphatic expression of truth, or a strong statement of agreement. Using it here as a solemn and serious ending (as also in the ending to a prayer) that is indicative that “this is what we believe, and it is most certainly true.”