

Statement of Faith and Belief

The Nicene Creed, as written in A. D. 325 at the Council of Nicea and revised at the Council of Constantinople in A. D. 381, has been affirmed by the Church throughout the ages, and thus serves as a good summary of the biblical and historical Christian faith.

We believe in one God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all the worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke through the prophets; and one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

In Summary:

Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of mankind. The scriptures are the divine and final authority for Christian faith and living. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:19-21)

Triune God is Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 28:19, John 14:26 & 15:26, 1 Peter 1:2)

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate. (John 1:1-14, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Acts 4:10-12)

The Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, during this age, to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service. (John 16:5-15)

Mankind was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost. Only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit through faith and grace can salvation and spiritual life be obtained. (Genesis 1:27-31, Romans 5:12, Ephesians 2:1-5)

Regeneration/Salvation is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection. For all who believe and receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and, thus become children of God. (Ephesians 1:7, Romans 3:24, Mark 10:45, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 3:18 & 2:24)

Ordinances are baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are ordinances to be observed by the church. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation. (Matthew 5:17-18 & 28:19, 1 Corinthians 11:24-26)

The Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been redeemed and regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ of which He is the Head. (John 3:5)