

Christian Creeds

Christianity has produced a number of Christian creeds over the years.

120 – 150 A.D. Apostles' Creed, by the Early Christians.

325 Creed of Nicaea

381 Nicene Creed (Nicaea-Constantinopolitan Creed)

Expansion and revision of the 325 Creed of Nicaea, It includes a new section on the Holy Spirit with clarification on the “Proceeding” of the Holy Spirit from the Father AND the Son. It also decided that the Son is of the SAME substance as the Father and not of a similar substance. It is the most widely accepted Christian creed.

451 Chalcedonian Creed

1646 The Westminster Confession of Faith is a Reformed confession of faith. It was drawn up by the Westminster Assembly as part of the Westminster Standards for Presbyterian (Church of Scotland) churches worldwide.

There are, of course, many other creeds.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will 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,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all 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 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 the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.