

Our Creeds

- 1 – Worship:** Worship is people or angels expressing by words, actions, and attitudes God's worth, highest position, greatness, preciousness, and desirability above all else.
- 2 – One God:** There is one God; He is an eternal Spirit, supreme and sovereign, never changing, holy and good, beautiful and true, Creator of all that exists.
- 3 – The Godhead:** The Godhead consists of three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—same in substance, nature, glory, and power.
- 4 – God the Father:** God the Father created and rules all things for His pleasure and glory. He is the Father within the Godhead, of all creation, and of His adopted children.
- 5 – God the Son:** God the Son is Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, fully God and fully man, the Savior of all who believe.
- 6 – God the Holy Spirit:** God the Holy Spirit is the Helper who regenerates, seals, gifts, empowers, and leads believers; He inspired Scripture and makes it clear.
- 7 – Angels:** Angels are powerful created beings designed by God to be worshippers of Him, messengers of His will, ministers of grace to His people, and wrath to the wicked.
- 8 – Satan and Demons:** Satan and demons are rebellious angels cast from heaven; they have been defeated by Christ, and will be punished forever in the lake of fire.
- 9 – Creation:** In six actual days God spoke the heavens and the earth into existence from nothing. God reveals his eternal power and divine nature through creation, glorifying himself.
- 10 – Man's First State:** God created mankind in his own image and likeness, free of sin, to fill and rule the earth, and to glorify and enjoy him.
- 11 – The Fall of Man:** Because Adam disobeyed God, all mankind fell from innocence to corruption and are punished by physical and spiritual death.
- 12 – Man's Present State:** Since the Fall, mankind is born dead in sin, separated from Christ, always choosing to please self rather than glorify God.
- 13 – Salvation:** Salvation is deliverance from eternal death to eternal life. It is wholly of God, given by grace through faith in Christ, not achieved by human merit.
- 14 – The Gospel:** The gospel is the message that Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord, died, was buried, and rose again, providing salvation to all who believe.
- 15 – Election and Predestination:** According to his sovereign plan, God chose before time began those who would believe, receiving eternal salvation and sonship, displaying his glorious grace.
- 16 – Redemption:** Just as Israel was delivered from slavery, believers are delivered from sin, death, and eternal destruction, having been purchased by the blood of Christ.
- 17 – Regeneration:** By the Holy Spirit's power, believers are made spiritually alive, passing from death to life and entering the kingdom of God.

- 18 – Repentance:** Repentance is turning away from sin to God. Given by God’s grace, it is needed for salvation, and leads to obeying God and serving him.
- 19 – Faith:** Given by God’s grace, saving faith is trusting in Christ alone, not man’s effort, for righteousness. Saving faith will always produce good deeds.
- 20 – Justification:** Displaying his justice and mercy, God counts righteous those who believe the gospel of Christ.
- 21 – Adoption:** All who believe in Jesus Christ are sons of God, no longer slaves but adopted and made heirs with Christ.
- 22 – Sanctification:** By the Spirit and the truth, those who are justified are being sanctified, becoming more and more like Christ.
- 23 – Perseverance:** True believers guard the purity of life and doctrine, keeping the faith, and enduring to the end.
- 24 – Glorification:** When Jesus returns, believers will be made like him.
- 25 – Progressive Sanctification:** All believers are being changed, by the power of the Spirit and obedience to God’s Word, to be like Jesus Christ.
- 26 – Holiness:** The Lord commands believers to be holy like he is, clean from sin in mind and conduct.
- 27 – Desiring God:** The believer’s heart longs for God above all else, to know him and to be near him.
- 28 – Confession and Repentance:** A believer’s heart is grieved by sin as an offense against a holy God; believers confess their sin, seek forgiveness, and turn from sin to walk in the light.
- 29 – The 1st Great Commandment:** The most important command given by God is to love him with every part of your being: heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- 30 – The 2nd Great Commandment:** The next most important command given by God is to love your neighbor the same way you love yourself.
- 31 – Prayer:** Prayer is seeking God’s face for salvation, his will, provision, confession and forgiveness, grace and mercy, holiness and worship.
- 32 – Desiring God’s Word:** With sweet delight the believer clings to the Word of God as a most precious treasure, loving and fearing, examining and meditating daily upon the Scriptures.
- 33 – Service:** Following Christ’s example, believers serve the Lord and each other in love by the Spirit.
- 34 – Meditation:** Out of obedience and delight, the believer meditates on God’s word and his ways.
- 35 – Fellowship:** Believers enjoy fellowship with God and with each other; we share, eat, and worship together, encouraging each other and urging one another to do good deeds.
- 36 – Living by the Spirit:** The Holy Spirit provides the power for the believer to live a godly life; living our own way leads to death, but living by the Spirit leads to life.

Creed 01 – Worship

Worship is people or angels expressing by words, actions, and attitudes God's worth, highest position, greatness, preciousness, and desirability above all else.

Matthew 4:10 - Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

John 4:10 - Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

Romans 12:1 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Philippians 3:3 - For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh

Colossians 1:16 - For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Revelation 4:11 - Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Revelation 5:12-13 - saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Creed 02 – There is One God

There is one God; He is an eternal Spirit, supreme and sovereign, never changing, holy and good, beautiful and true, Creator of all that exists.

Deuteronomy 6:4 - Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Psalm 90:2 - Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

John 4:24 - God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Romans 11:36 - For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Psalm 103:19 - The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

Psalm 102:27 - But You are the same, and Your years have no end.

Isaiah 6:3 - And one called to another and said: Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!

Psalm 119:68 - You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes.

Psalm 27:4 - One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

Numbers 23:19a - God is not man, that He should lie.

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Creed 03 – The Trinity

The Godhead consists of three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—same in substance, nature, glory, and power.

Genesis 1:26a - Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness....”

Luke 3:22 - And the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

2 Corinthians 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Ephesians 4:4-6 - There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Creed 04 – God the Father

God the Father created and rules all things for His pleasure and glory. He is the Father within the Godhead, of all creation, and of His adopted children.

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 103:19 - The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

1 Corinthians 8:6 - Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist...

Romans 11:36 - For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Isaiah 43:7 - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Genesis 1:31 - And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Revelation 4:11 - Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

John 17:1 - And when Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you."

Ephesians 4:6 - one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Romans 8:14-15 - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

Creed 05 – God the Son

**God the Son is Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
fully God and fully man, the Savior of all who believe.**

Matthew 3:17b - This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 16:16 - Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 5:5 - Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Luke 1:31,32,35 - And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High...therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

John 1:1,12,14 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 14:9b - Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.

Colossians 2:9 - For in him [Christ] the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.

Philippians 2:5-8 - Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Luke 2:11 - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

1 John 4:14 - And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Creed 06 – God the Holy Spirit

God the Holy Spirit is the Helper who regenerates, seals, gifts, empowers, and leads believers; He inspired Scripture and makes it clear.

John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things....

John 3:5 - Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Ephesians 1:13 - In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Now there are varieties of gifts...all these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Romans 8:13 - For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:14 - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

2 Peter 1:20-21 - Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:12 - Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Creed 07 – Angels

Angels are powerful created beings designed by God to be worshippers of Him, messengers of His will, ministers of grace to His people, and wrath to the wicked.

Colossians 1:16 (Created) - For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Isaiah 6:2-3 (Worshippers) - Above him stood the seraphim...and one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'

Hebrews 2:2 (Messengers) - For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable....

Hebrews 1:14 (Ministers of Grace) - Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 (Ministers of Wrath) - and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Creed 08 – Satan and Demons

Satan and demons are rebellious angels cast from heaven; they have been defeated by Christ, and will be punished forever in the lake of fire.

Isaiah 14:13a,14b (Rebelled) - You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high...I will make myself like the Most High."

Ezekiel 28:16 (Cast from Heaven) - I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub....

Romans 16:20 (Defeated) - The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Revelation 12:10b-11a (Defeated) - Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down...and they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb....

Revelation 20:10 (Punished) - And the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Matthew 25:41 (Punished) - Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

Creed 09 – Creation

In six actual days God spoke the heavens and the earth into existence from nothing. God reveals his eternal power and divine nature through creation, glorifying himself.

Genesis 1:1 (Creation) - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:31, 2:1 (Six Days) - And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished....

Genesis 1:3 (Spoke) - And God said, "Let there be light...."

Colossians 1:16 (Glorifying Himself) - For by him all things were created...all things were created through him and for him.

Romans 1:20 (Reveals) - For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

Psalms 19:1 (Glorifying Himself) - The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Creed 10 – Man’s First State

God created mankind in his own image and likeness, free of sin, to fill and rule the earth, and to glorify and enjoy him.

Genesis 1:26-27 (Created; Image) - Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

James 3:9 (Likeness) - With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

Genesis 1:27, 31; 2:25 (Free of Sin) - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.... And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.... And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 1:28 (To Fill and Rule) - And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Isaiah 43:7 (Glorify Him) - whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Revelation 4:11 (Glorify Him) - Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Psalms 21:6 (Enjoy Him) - For you make him most blessed forever, you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

Creed 11 – The Fall of Man

Because Adam disobeyed God, all mankind fell from innocence to corruption and are punished by physical and spiritual death.

Genesis 2:16-17 (Adam Disobeyed God) - And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:6 (Adam Disobeyed God) - So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:7 (Innocence to Corruption) - Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Romans 5:12 (Punished by Physical Death) - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned....

Ephesians 4:18 (Punished by Spiritual Death) - They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God....

Creed 12 – Man’s Present State

Since the Fall, mankind is born dead in sin, separated from Christ, always choosing to please self rather than glorify God.

Psalm 51:5 (Born in Sin) - Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Ephesians 2:1-3 (Dead in Sin) - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:12 (Separated from Christ) - remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Creed 13 – Salvation

Salvation is deliverance from eternal death to eternal life. It is wholly of God, given by grace through faith in Christ, not achieved by human merit.

John 3:16-17 (From Eternal Death to Eternal Life) - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Romans 6:23 (Eternal Life) - For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (Grace) - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Titus 2:11 (Grace) - For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

Acts 4:12 (In Christ) - And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Romans 11:6 (Grace; Not Works) - But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

Titus 3:4-7 (Not Works; Eternal Life) - But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

2 Timothy 1:9 (Not Works) - who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

Creed 14 – The Gospel

The gospel is the message that Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord, died, was buried, and rose again, providing salvation to all who believe.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (The Gospel) Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered it to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Luke 2:11 (Christ the Savior and Lord) - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (Providing Salvation) - For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Romans 1:16 (Salvation to All Who Believe) - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Creed 15 – Election and Predestination

According to his sovereign plan, God chose before time began those who would believe, receiving eternal salvation and sonship, displaying his glorious grace.

Ephesians 1:4-11 (Sovereign Plan; Before Time) - Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will....

2 Thessalonians 2:13 (God Chose to Be Saved) - But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

Acts 13:48 (Those Who Would Believe) - And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

1 Peter 1:1-2 (Election) - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

Creed 16 – Redemption

Just as Israel was delivered from slavery, believers are delivered from sin, death, and eternal destruction, having been purchased by the blood of Christ.

Exodus 6:6 - Say therefore to the people of Israel, “I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.”

Ephesians 1:7 – “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.”

Colossians 1:14 - in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:12 - he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

1 Peter 1:18-19 - knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Creed 17 – Regeneration

By the Holy Spirit's power, believers are made spiritually alive, passing from death to life and entering the kingdom of God.

Titus 3:4-7 - But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

John 3:3-8 - Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 5:24 – "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

Creed 18 – Repentance

Repentance is turning away from sin to God. Given by God's grace, it is needed for salvation, and leads to obeying God and serving him.

Acts 14:15 - We bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.

Isaiah 55:6-7 - Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Acts 11:18 - And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

2 Timothy 2:25 - God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth.

Acts 2:38-39 - And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Isaiah 45:22 - Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 - As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

Matthew 3:8 - Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

Acts 26:20 - They should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.

1 Thessalonians 1:9 - you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Creed 19 – Faith

Given by God’s grace, saving faith is trusting in Christ alone, not man’s effort, for righteousness. Saving faith will always produce good deeds.

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Romans 3:21-22 - But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Romans 3:27-28 - Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

James 2:17-18 - So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Creed 20 – Justification

Displaying his justice and mercy,
God counts righteous those who believe the gospel of Christ.

Romans 3:21 - But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 8:30,33 - And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.... Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Romans 4:22-25 - That is why his faith was counted to him as righteousness. But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Galatians 2:21 - I do not nullify the grace of God, for if justification were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Titus 3:4-7 - But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Creed 21 – Adoption

**All who believe in Christ Jesus are sons of God,
no longer slaves but adopted and made heirs with Christ.**

Galatians 3:26 - For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Galatians 3:29 - And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4:4-7 - But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Romans 8:14 - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him

Creed 22 – Sanctification

**By the Spirit and the truth,
those who are justified are being sanctified,
becoming more and more like Christ.**

1 Peter 1:2 - according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

John 17:17 - Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 - For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality....

Philippians 1:6 - And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:18 - And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Colossians 1:28-29 - Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Creed 23 – Perseverance

**True believers guard the purity of life and doctrine,
keeping the faith, and enduring to the end.**

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 - Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Philippians 1:6 - And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:23 - if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

1 Timothy 4:16 - Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

2 Timothy 2:12 - The saying is trustworthy, for: "If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself."

2 Timothy 4:7 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

James 1:12 - Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Creed 24 – Glorification

When Jesus returns, believers will be made like him.

Romans 8:28-29 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

2 Corinthians 3:18 - And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

1 John 3:2 - Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Creed 25 – Progressive Sanctification

All believers are being changed, by the power of the Spirit and obedience to God's Word, to be like Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:18 - And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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Philippians 1:6 - And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Creed 26 – Holiness

**The Lord commands believers to be holy like he is,
clean from sin in mind and conduct.**

Isaiah 6:3 - And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Exodus 15:11 - Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

Leviticus 11:44 - For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:14-16 - As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Hebrews 12:14 - Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

2 Peter 3:11 - what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness....

2 Corinthians 7:1 - Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

Ephesians 1:4 - he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 4:24 - to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 - For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

2 Timothy 2:21 - Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

Creed 27 – Desiring God

**The believer's heart longs for God above all else,
to know him and to be near him.**

Psalm 42:1-2 - As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Psalm 73:25-26, 28 - Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.... But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Psalm 37:4 - Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Matthew 13:44 - The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Philippians 3:7-10 - But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and counted them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

Creed 28 – Confession and Repentance

A believer's heart is grieved by sin as an offense against a holy God; believers confess their sin, seek forgiveness, and turn from sin to walk in the light.

Job 42:5-6 - I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

Psalm 32:5 - I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 51:4,10 - Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Proverbs 28:13 - Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

2 Corinthians 7:9-12 - As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter. So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did the wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God.

James 5:16 - Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

1 John 1:5-9 - This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Creed 29 – The 1st Great Commandment

The most important command given by God is to love him with every part of your being: heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5 - You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Matthew 22:37-38a - And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the great and first commandment.

Mark 12:29 - Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”

Luke 10:27 - And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind....”

Creed 30 – The 2nd Great Commandment

The next most important command given by God is to love your neighbor the same way you love yourself.

Leviticus 19:17-18 - You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 22:37-40 - And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and Prophets.”

Mark 12:29-31 - Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength’. The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Luke 10:27 - And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

Creed 31 – Prayer

Prayer is seeking God's face for salvation, His will, provision, confession and forgiveness, grace and mercy, holiness and worship.

Psalm 102:1 - Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

Matthew 5:44 – “But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 6:9 – “Pray then like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’”

Romans 10:9-10 - because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Philippians 4:6 - do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - pray without ceasing

James 5:16 - Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

1 Samuel 12:23 - Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.

2 Samuel 7:18 – Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?”

Nehemiah 2:4 - Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Creed 32 – Desiring God’s Word

**With sweet delight the believer clings to the Word of God
as a most precious treasure, loving and fearing,
examining and meditating daily upon the Scriptures**

Job 23:12 - I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.

Psalm 19:7-8 - The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Psalm 119:31 - I cling to your testimonies, O Lord; let me not be put to shame!

Psalm 119:47 - For I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.

Psalm 119:72 - The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Psalm 119:97 - Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

Psalm 119:103 - How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Psalm 119:167 - My soul keeps your testimonies; I love them exceedingly.

Isaiah 66:2b - But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

Acts 17:11 - Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

1 Peter 2:2 - Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation.

Creed 33 – Service

Following Christ's example, believers serve the Lord
and each other in love by the Spirit.

Deuteronomy 10:12 - Serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Joshua 24:15 - Choose this day whom you will serve.

Matthew 20:28 - Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Luke 16:13 - No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Romans 12:11 - be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:4 - Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord.

Galatians 5:13 - But through love serve one another.

1 Timothy 3:10 - Let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.

Hebrews 9:14 - how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

1 Peter 4:10 - As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Creed 34 – Meditation

**Out of obedience and delight,
the believer meditates on God's word and his ways.**

Joshua 1:8 - This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it.

Psalm 1:2 - But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 19:14 - Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 49:3 - My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Psalm 104:34 - May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Psalm 119:15,48 - I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

Psalm 143:5 - I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

Meditate – to think deeply, to intently contemplate the word of God

Creed 35 – Fellowship

Believers enjoy fellowship with God and with each other; we share, eat, and worship together, encouraging each other and urging one another to do good deeds.

Acts 2:42-47 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...and all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

1 Corinthians 1:9 - God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Corinthians 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Galatians 2:9 - when [they], who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me

Hebrews 10:24-25 - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

1 John 1:3 - That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:6-7 - If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Creed 36 – Living by the Spirit

The Holy Spirit provides the power for the believer to live a godly life; living our own way leads to death, but living by the Spirit leads to life.

Romans 8:4-14 - in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Galatians 5:16-25 - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.