
Is The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed Scriptural?

People sometimes ask why the Nicene Creed doesn't state, *"I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God"*? It's because the Creed was written before the New Testament was officially recognized. This is the only concise summary of Christian doctrine accepted by the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholics, and many Protestants. Most of the Creed was written in 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicea, 68 years before the 27 books of the New Testament canon were officially recognized as Scripture in 393 A.D. at the Council of Hippo. [The definition of the Holy Spirit was added to the Creed at the Council of Constantinople in 381 A.D.] It was at Nicea where Athanasius of Alexandria, then just a deacon, led the debate against the heresy of Arianism. Later, in about 360 A.D., Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria composed the list of 27 books of true apostolic origin that would become the New Testament.

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I believe in one God, (Deut. 6:4; Eph. 4:6)

the Father (Mt. 6:9) Almighty (Ex. 6:3),

Creator of Heaven and Earth (Gen. 1:1),

and of all things visible and invisible (Col. 1:15-16).

And in one Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 11:17),

the Son of God,(Mt. 14:33; Mt. 16:16),

Only-Begotten (Jn. 1:8; Jn. 3:16),

Begotten of the Father before all ages (Jn. 1:2).

Light from Light (Ps. 27:1; Jn. 8:12; Mt. 17:2 & 5),

True God from True God (Jn. 17:1-5),

Begotten, not made (Jn. 1:18),

of one essence with the Father (Jn. 10:30)

through Whom all things were made (Heb. 1:1-2);

Who for us men and for our salvation (1 Tim. 2:4-5)

came down from heaven (Jn. 6:33-35),

**and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:35)**

and became man (Jn. 1:15).

**And He was crucified for us (Mk. 15:25; 1 Cor.
15:3)**

under Pontius Pilate, (Jn. 19:6) suffered, (Mk. 8:31)

and was buried (Lk. 23:53; 1 Cor. 15:4).

And on the third day He rose again (Lk. 24:1-6),

according to the Scriptures (1 Cor. 15:4),

and ascended into heaven (Lk. 24:51; Acts 1:10),

and sits at the right hand of the Father (Mk. 16:19; Ac. 7:55);

and He shall come again with glory (Mt. 24:27)

to judge the living and the dead; (Acts 10:42; 2 Tim. 4:1)

Whose Kingdom shall have no end (2 Pet. 1:11).

And in the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26),

the Lord (Acts 5:3-4) and Giver of Life (Gen. 1:2),

Who proceeds from the Father (Jn. 15:26);

**Who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified (Mt. 3:16-17),**

**Who spoke through the prophets (1 Sam. 19:20;
Ezek. 11:5 & 13).**

**In one (Mt. 16:18; Eph. 4:1-4) holy (1 Pet. 2:5 & 9),
catholic (Jn. 17:20-23), and Apostolic Church (Ac.
2:42; Eph. 2:19-22).**

**I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of
sins (Ac. 2:38; Eph. 4:5).**

**I look for the resurrection of the dead (Jn. 11:24;
1 Cor. 15:12-49; Heb. 6:2; Rev. 20:5),**

and the life in the world to come. (Mk. 10:29-30).

Amen.

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