

<b><i>Comparing Three Creeds</i></b>	<b>The Apostles' Creed,</b> 180 AD, with revisions through the 8 <sup>th</sup> century	<b>The Nicene Creed</b> 325 AD, expanded, 381 AD	<b>A Brief Statement of Faith,</b> 1983 AD
<b>God, the Father</b>	I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,	We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.	27 We trust in God, 28 whom Jesus called Abba, Father. 29 In sovereign love God created the world good 30 and makes everyone equally in God's image, 31 male and female, of every race and people, 32 to live as one community. 33 But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. 34 Ignoring God's commandments. 35 we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, 36 accept lies as truth, 37 exploit neighbor and nature, 38 and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. 39 We deserve God's condemnation. 40 Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. 41 In everlasting love, 42 the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people 43 to bless all families of the earth. 44 Hearing their cry, 45 God delivered the children of Israel 46 from the house of bondage. 47 Loving us still, 48 God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. 49 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, 50 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, 51 God is faithful still.
<b>God, the Son</b>	And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.	We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;	7 We trust in Jesus Christ, 8 fully human, fully God. 9 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: 10 preaching good news to the poor 11 and release to the captives, 12 teaching by word and deed 13 and blessing the children, 14 healing the sick 15 and binding up the brokenhearted, 16 eating with outcasts, 17 forgiving sinners, 18 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 19 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, 20 Jesus was crucified, 21 suffering the depths of human pain 22 and giving his life for the sins of the world. 23 God raised this Jesus from the dead, 24 vindicating his sinless life,

		<p>he suffered death and was buried.  On the third day he rose again  in accordance with the Scriptures;  he ascended into heaven  and is seated at the right hand of the  Father.  He will come again in glory to judge  the living and the dead,  and his kingdom will have no end.</p>	<p>25 breaking the power of sin and evil,  26 delivering us from death to life eternal.</p>
<p><b>God,  the  Holy  Spirit</b></p>	<p>I believe in the Holy Ghost;  the holy catholic Church; the  communion of saints; the  forgiveness of sins; the  resurrection of the body; and  the life everlasting. Amen.</p>	<p>We believe in the Holy Spirit, the  Lord, the giver of life,  who proceeds from the Father and the  Son,  who with the Father and the Son is  worshiped and glorified,  who has spoken through the prophets.  We believe in one holy catholic and  apostolic Church.  We acknowledge one baptism for the  forgiveness of sins.  We look for the resurrection of the  dead,  and the life of the world to come.  Amen.</p>	<p>52 We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  53 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  54 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  55 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and  neighbor,  56 and binds us together with all believers  57 in the one body of Christ, the Church.  58 The same Spirit  59 who inspired the prophets and apostles  60 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  61 engages us through the Word proclaimed,  62 claims us in the waters of baptism,  63 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  64 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  65 In a broken and fearful world  66 the Spirit gives us courage  67 to pray without ceasing,  68 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  69 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  70 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  71 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  72 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  73 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  74 and to live holy and joyful lives,  75 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  76 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"</p>
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p>			<p>77 With believers in every time and place,  78 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  79 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our  Lord.  80 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  Spirit. Amen.</p>

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