

# Nicene Creed – 381 AD

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, Of all that is seen and unseen.

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, one in Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

By the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

Iconoclasts – (700's) Cannot represent Christ and saints in art.

Monothelites – (600's) – Christ had only one divine will

Pelagianism – We can save ourselves by good behavior

Semi-Pelagianism – At least we can take the first step.

Arianism – There was a time when the Son of God did not exist

Novation (250) – No forgiveness for those who worship Roman gods

Cyprian – Argues that Novation baptism not valid (overruled by Pope Stephen- validity of sacrament not dependent on faithfulness of priest)

Sabellius (200) – Jesus just another aspect or mode of God (Modalism)

Montanus (170) – Second Coming near; head for desert (Montanism)  
Tertullian (207) – Montanist with benefits, in Latin

Kerinthians – God descended on Jesus at baptism, left before death

Ebionites – Evil rules present world; Christ rules the world to come

Elchazaites – Two gods, female Holy Spirit and male Christ

Mandaeans – Jesus was a false prophet

Judaizers: You have to be a Jew first - Rejected at Council of Jerusalem AD 49

Mystery of God 33-325

Mystery of Jesus 325-843

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, the only Son of God, the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

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- Feeneyites (1940's) No salvation outside full communion with RC Church
- Modernism (1800's) Jesus never meant to establish a church, institute sacraments
- Old Catholicism (1870) – Reject dogma of papal infallibility
- Deism (1600's) – Distant creator God of nature, Truth through reason.
- Quietism (1600's) – Totally passive mind absorbed into Divine Essence
- Janseism (1600's) – Mankind cannot act freely, depends totally on God's Grace
- Anglicanism – Henry VIII
- Calvinists – All predestined to Heaven or Hell
- Anabaptists – Baptism symbol, not Sacrament
- Protestant Reformation (1500's) – Christ alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone
- Wyclif and Hus (1400's) – Against Real Presence, for Scripture Alone
- Joachim (1200's) – 1260 cataclysm beginning Age of Holy Spirit, no visible church
- Waldensians (~1200) – Anybody can preach; no church teaching authority
- Catharists (1100's+) – Back to good god, bad god theory
- Berengarius (1000's) – Christ present only spiritually in Eucharist
- Eutichianism (Monophysites) 450- Only one nature in Christ
- Nestorianism – Two natures, persons. Mary cannot be called "Mother of God"
- Donatism (~350+) – Validity of sacraments depends on holiness of the priest
- Apollinarianism (~350+) – Jesus was not fully human, no human intellect.
- Manicheism (270) – Two equal gods, one of light, one of darkness (Extreme Dualism)
- Paul of Samosata (260) – Jesus human, adopted by God for a time (Adoptionism)
- Justin Martyr – Christ subordinate to The Father (Subordinationism)
- Gnosticism – Secret Information, Dualism, Spiritual vs. Material
- Valentinus – Christ's body was optical illusion (Docetism)
- Marcion (144) – Creator god of Old Testament was evil
- Manander & Satomil – Lesser god created the world
- Basillides – Simon of Cyrene died on cross in place of Christ

The Church Struggles 2000 Years to Explain the Unexplainable