

## **THE NICENE CREED**

### **A Bible Study**

**8-31-25 Lesson 9**

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#### **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His 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 us men and 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 at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.



**And I believe in one holy Christian (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.**

In one, (Ephesians 4:1-4)  
holy, (Acts 9:31; Eph 5:25-27; 1 Peter 2:5-9)  
catholic/universal/Christian (1 Cor 1:2; 4:17; 11:28; 12:28)  
and apostolic Church; (Acts 2:42; 20:28; Ephesians 1:22; 2:19-22; 3:21)  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; (Ephesians 4:5; Col 2:9-15)  
I look for the resurrection of the dead; (John 11:24; 1 Cor. 15:12-49)  
And the life of the world to come. (Mark 10:29-30; Rev. 7:9-17)  
Amen. (Psalm 106:48; Revelation 1:6,7; 3:14; 7:12; 22:20,21)

# The Office of the Keys

## Christ

### Authority

the Keys

Gave →

- Preach
- Teach
- Baptize
- Absolve
- Commune

to the  
Whole  
Church

↓  
Calls and  
Ordains

Inspired / Inherent  
Word of God

Old Test.    New Test.  
↓            ↓  
Law / Gospel

Pastors  
carry out the  
Office of the Keys  
on behalf of the  
congregation

Public Administration

(Matt. 16:13-20)

(Matt. 18:15-20)

(John 20:19-23)

## Church on earth

Closed

Open

**Preach Law—  
withhold  
forgiveness**

**Unrepentant sinners**

Those who  
are not sorry  
for their  
sins

and do not believe  
in Jesus

**Share Gospel—  
Christ's forgiveness**

**Repentant sinners**

Those who are  
sorry for sins  
(contrition)

and  
believe in Jesus  
(have faith)