

**The Son (Part 2): "Who For Us Men and For Our Salvation"**

# Introduction

**Who vs. What**

# Overview

1. Introduction (Part 1) - Creeds: Ancient, Biblical, Indispensable
2. Introduction (Part 2) - What is the Nicene Creed?
3. The Father: "I believe in one God, the Father..."
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5. **The Son (Part 2): "Who For Us Men and For Our Salvation"**
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7. The Holy Spirit (Part 2): "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church"
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## SGC Nicene Creed Study

- Introduction (What are Creeds?)
  - Introduction (The Church & the Council of Nicaea)
    - God the Father
      - God the Son (Person)
      - God the Son (Work)
    - God the Holy Spirit (Person)
  - God the Holy Spirit (Work: The Church)
- Conclusion (Do we really still need Creeds today?)

# **Session 5 Overview - Work of Christ**

**I. Biblical**

**II. Historical**

**III. Theological**

## Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God  
Begotten of the 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.

## Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;

## Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

And the third day he rose again,

according to the Scriptures;

And ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of the Father;

And he shall come again,

with glory, to judge the living and the dead;

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

# I. Biblical

**Who, for us men and for our  
salvation,**

**Came down from heaven**

No one has ascended into heaven  
except he who descended from  
heaven, the Son of Man.

**John 3:13**

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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

**James 1:17**

ESV

## Augustine (354-430 A.D.)

“He is said to have come to us, not from place to place through space, but by appearing to mortals in mortal flesh. He came to a place where he was already.”  
– *On Christian Doctrine*



**Was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the Virgin Mary,**

**Incarnation**

And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself by becoming  
obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

**Philippians 2:8**

ESV

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 1:14**

ESV

**By the Holy Spirit**

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

**Luke 1:34–35**

ESV

**Of the Virgin Mary**

**Was made man;**

## Gregory of Nazianzus (329-390 A.D.)

“He remained what  
he was and took up  
what he was not.” –  
*Third Theological  
Oration*



Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

**Hebrews 2:14–15**

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Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**Hebrews 2:17**

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**Was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered and was buried;**

**The third day he rose again,  
according to the Scriptures;**

For I delivered 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,

**1 Corinthians 15:3–4**

ESV

**Ascended into heaven, and sits on  
the right hand of the Father;**

**He shall come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;**

**Whose kingdom shall have no  
end.**

# **II. Historical**

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Romans 5:19**

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And because of him you are in  
Christ Jesus, who became to us  
wisdom from God, righteousness  
and sanctification and redemption,

**1 Corinthians 1:30**

ESV

# **III. Theological**

# Reconciliation

## Athanasius (296?-373 A.D.)

“Properly, therefore, the Word of God took a body and used a human instrument...in order that, just as he is known in creation by his works, so also he might act in a human being, and who himself everywhere, leaving nothing barren of his divinity and knowledge.” – *On the Incarnation*



for the earth shall be full of the  
knowledge of the Lord as the  
waters cover the sea.

**Isaiah 11:9**

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# Nicene Orthodoxy

God the Father  
the Son

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Creation

# Rehabilitation

## Augustine (354-430 A.D.)

“The Son of God then assumed a human nature and bore patiently therein all human misery. The healing power of this medicine for men is beyond all comprehension.”



## Augustine (354-430 A.D.)

For, what pride can be cured, if it is not cured by the *humility* of the Son of God? What avarice can be cured, if it is not cured by the *poverty* of the Son of God? What anger can be cured, if it is not cured by the *patience* of the Son of God? What ungodliness can be cured, if it is not cured by the *charity* of the Son of God?



## Gregory of Nazianzus (329-390 A.D.)

“For that which is not assumed is not healed, that which is united to God is being saved.”



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**Hebrews 2:14–15**

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**Conclusion**

# Nicene Orthodoxy

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Creation

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.

**Romans 10:9**

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