

**Conclusion: Do we really still need the Nicene Creed today?**

# Introduction



**I don't like cream cheese on bagels**











2 Unpopular Opinions?

# Overview

1. Introduction (Part 1) - Creeds: Ancient, Biblical, Indispensable
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7. The Holy Spirit (Part 2): "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church"
8. **Conclusion: Do we really still need the Nicene Creed today?**

# **9 Ways Creeds Bless Us Today**

1. The creeds point us to the \_\_\_\_\_  
nature of God.

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2. The creeds remind us that the Christian faith does not \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. The creeds unite us with \_\_\_\_\_  
throughout church history.

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And they sang a new song, saying,  
“Worthy are you to take the scroll and  
to open its seals, for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed  
people for God from every tribe and  
language and people and nation,

**Revelation 5:9**

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4. The creeds direct us outside our individuality.

My beliefs

vs.

The one in whom I believe

5. The creeds remind us that our faith is not primarily centered on an \_\_\_\_\_, but rather on a \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The creeds remind us that our faith is not primarily centered on an experience, but rather on a \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The creeds remind us that our faith is not primarily centered on an experience, but rather on a person.

6. The creeds help protect the  
                     of Scripture.

6. The creeds help protect the authority of Scripture.

**Scripture: Magisterial Authority**  
(norming all norms)

**Creeds: Ministerial Authority**  
(normed by Scripture)

The creeds are written so that  
Christians will know and confess  
what Scripture teaches.

7. The creeds articulate \_\_\_\_\_  
Christianity.

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Christianity.

“The church has the responsibility of repeating, meditating on, and interpreting biblical claims in harmony with divine authorial intent.”

J.V. Fesko

8. The creeds help us confess our  
faith \_\_\_\_\_.

8. The creeds help us confess our  
faith together.

9. The creeds make us better \_\_\_\_\_  
interpreters.

9. The creeds make us better Bible  
interpreters.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

**Ephesians 4:11–12**

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10. The creeds proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_.

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And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."

**Matthew 19:16–17**

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The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

**1 Timothy 1:15**

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