

~Foundations of the Christian Faith~

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The Ten Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself any graven image nor bow down to them or worship them.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

(Exodus 20:1–17 NIV)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

(Matthew 22:37–40; Mark 12:30–31 NIV)

The Lord's Prayer

(Traditional Form)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Matthew 6:9–13; Luke 11:2–4)

“The Golden Rule”

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

(Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31)

The Beatitudes

(Matthew 5:3–12; Luke 6:20–23 NIV)

*3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

*6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*

*7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

*9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

*10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all
kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.*

(Matthew 5:3–12)

***20 “Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.***

***21 Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.***

***Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.***

***22 Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.***

***23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.***

(Luke 6:20–23)

The Christian Creeds
*~Foundational Declarations
of the Christian Faith
And the Essential Doctrine of the
Unity of God and the Trinity~*

The Apostles' Creed
(The Essential Foundation of Faith)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; Born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hell; On the third day He rose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven; And is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints; The forgiveness of
sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Nicene Creed

(An Expanded Statement of Faith)

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 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 on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall 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 together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

And I believe one holy, Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Athanasian Creed

(An Elaboration on the Godhead's Unity and Trinity)

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish for eternity.

This is the true Christian faith:

That we worship one God in three Persons and three Persons in one God; without confusing the Persons or dividing the divine substance. For the Father is one Person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is still another, but there is one Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty. What the Father is, that is the Son, and that is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is unlimited, the Son is unlimited, and the Holy Spirit is unlimited. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal; and yet They are not three Eternals but one Eternal, just as there are not Three Who are uncreated and Who are unlimited, but there is One who is uncreated and unlimited. Likewise the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty, and yet They are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet They are not three Gods but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord, and yet They are not three Lords but one Lord.

For just as we are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge each Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the Christian religion to say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten by anybody. The Son was not made or created, but was begotten by the Father.

The Holy Spirit was not made or created or begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly there is one Father and not three Fathers, one Son and not three Sons, and one Holy Spirit and not three Holy Spirits. And among these three Persons none is before or after another, none is greater or less than another, but all three Persons are coequal and coeternal, and accordingly, as has been stated above, three Persons are to be worshiped in one Godhead and one God is to be worshiped in three Persons.

Whoever wishes to be saved must thus think about the Trinity.

It is also necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became man, for this is the right faith, that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at once God and man: He is God, begotten before the ages of the substance of the Father, and He is man, born in the world of the substance of His mother; perfect God and perfect man, with reasonable soul and human flesh, equal to the Father with respect to his Godhead and inferior to the Father with respect to His manhood.

Although He is God and man, He is not two Christs but one Christ; one, that is to say, not by changing the Godhead into flesh, but by taking on the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by confusion of substance but by unity in one Person.

For just as the reasonable soul and the flesh are one man, so God and man are one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, is seated on the right hand of the Father, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all men shall rise again with their bodies and give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will go into everlasting fire.

This is the true Christian faith. Unless a man believes this firmly and faithfully, he cannot be saved.