

SALVATION
We Believe - Part 5
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I. THE NICENE CREED

“We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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.”

II. FOUR FACTS ABOUT GETTING INTO HEAVEN

A. Jesus Came To Earth To Save Us

B. Jesus Did That By Dying On A Cross

C. Jesus Conquered Death And Rose From The Dead

D. Jesus Will Be Our Judge

III. FIVE BACKGROUND FACTS

A. The Nature Of God

B. God's Spiritual And Moral Law

“...the wages of sin is death....”

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

C. The Human Condition

“...everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.”

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

“When people sin, they earn what sin pays - death”

Romans 6:23 (ERV)

D. The Sacrificial System

E. Jesus

“Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29 (NLT)

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:46 (NIV)

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from... my cries of anguish? ...you are enthroned as the Holy One.... But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults.... I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs surround me; a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.... All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him. ...future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!”

Psalms 22:1,3,6-7,14-18,27,30-31 (NIV)

“We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.”

Romans 5:7-8 (Msg)

“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”

Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)