

THE CHURCH
We Believe - Part 6
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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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

“... I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.”

Matthew 16:18 (Msg)

II. THE FOUR MARKS OF THE CHURCH

- A. To Be One – Unified
- B. To Be Holy
- C. To Be catholic – Universal
- D. To Be Apostolic

III. THE FIVE “C’S OF THE CHURCH

- A. Community
- B. Confession
- C. Corporate
- D. Celebration
- E. Cause

IV. THE CHURCH AND BAPTISM

“Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. ‘I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,’ he said, ‘so why are you coming to me?’ But Jesus said, ‘It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.’ So John agreed to baptize him.”

Matthew 3:13-15 (NLT)

“Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

- A. Baptism Is How We Go Public For Jesus
“Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.”
Matthew 10:32-33 (NLT)
- B. Baptism Marks Our Decision To Follow Jesus
- C. Baptism Is A Life Test

V. WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED?

Everyone Who Has Entered Into A Relationship With Jesus