

The Modified Nicene Creed

1. *I/We believe in One God,*
2. *[The God of Israel],*
3. *The Father [Who rules over everything]*
4. *Creator of heaven and earth*
5. *Of all things visible and invisible.*
6. *[I/We believe] in one Lord Jesus Christ,*
7. *The only begotten¹ Son of God,*
8. *[The sole Redeemer of Mankind]*
9. *Eternally begotten from the Father;*
10. *Light from light,*
11. *True God from true God,*
12. *Begotten-not made,*
13. *Of one substance [nature] with the Father*
14. *Who made all things*
15. *Who, for us men and for our salvation,*
16. *Descended from heaven*
17. *And was made incarnate by the Holy Spirit*
18. *And born of the Virgin Mary*
19. *[Who was a daughter of Israel, blessed among women]*
20. *He became Man*
21. *[In order to make full atonement for our sin]*
22. *[He] suffered under Pontius Pilate and was*
23. *Crucified, dead and buried,*
24. *He [bodily] rose again on the third day*
25. *In fulfilment of the Scriptures.*
26. *He ascended into Heaven*
27. *To be seated on the right hand of the Father.*
28. *He will come again in glory*
29. *[With His angels and saints]*
30. *To judge the living and the dead*
31. *[His] kingdom will never end*
32. *[I/We believe] in the Holy Spirit,*
33. *The Lord and giver of life,*
34. *[Who sustains all believers],*
35. *Who proceeds from the Father*
36. *[Through the Son;*
37. *To empower a true Remnant Church] and*
38. *Who, with the Father and Son together*
39. *Is worshipped and glorified,*
40. *Who spoke through [Jewish apostles and prophets]*
41. *[To found] one holy [Universal] and Apostolic Church,*
42. *[I/We believe in justification² by faith alone,*
43. *And in its expression through practical good works]*
44. *I/We acknowledge one baptism*
45. *For the forgiveness of sins,*
46. *[I/We look for the restoration of Israel]*
47. *The resurrection of the dead*
48. *And everlasting life in the World to come*

¹ "Only begotten," means that Jesus has always, from eternity, existed with God in a Father-Son relationship. In contrast, believers are adopted children of God; they are not begotten.

² "Justification," means 'declared not guilty,' and involves the believer being placed in a right relationship with God through the forgiveness of sins. The New Testament teaches that such justification is made possible only through the sacrificial death of Jesus. It cannot be earned.