

CREED CARDS

THE **Creed**

WHAT IS IT?

The word "**Creed**" comes from the Latin "**credo**," meaning "**I believe**." The Creed is a time-tested summary of foundational Christian beliefs handed down from the apostles. It has been used throughout Church history to:

1. **Confess Faith:** For those preparing for baptism.
2. **Teach Doctrine:** As a catechism for new believers.
3. **Preserve Truth:** As a "rule of faith" to maintain sound doctrine.

The Creed unites the Church in its confession of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). Its articles declare the essence of the gospel: belief in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and our hope in the universal Church*, forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life.

***important note, the word catholic in the Creed = universal Church, not the Catholic Church.**

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WHY DO WE SAY ?

At Church on the Living Edge, we confess the Creed as a powerful act of worship and a declaration of our unity in Christ. The Creed reminds us:

- **Of Our Foundations:** It summarizes sound doctrine rooted in Scripture and affirmed by the early Church.
- **To Guard the Faith:** It protects against false teachings and heresy, keeping us aligned with the truth.
- **That We Are One:** Reciting the Creed together affirms that we are not isolated individuals but members of Christ's Body, united in faith and purpose.

Confessing the Creed isn't a "dead tradition"; it's a vibrant testimony of faith, echoing across generations and anchoring us in God's truth while empowering us to live faithfully in our time.

"At COTLE, we declare the Creed as faithful speech, not outdated tradition."

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

At COTLE we build the modern church on the foundation laid by the early Church fathers, whose work shaped the core of the Christian faith. Their fundamental confessions, or creeds, have served as guiding pillars throughout the centuries. Among these, the Nicene Creed stands as a foremost declaration of our shared beliefs.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, Begotten from the Father
before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father. Through Him all things were made.
for us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven; He became incarnate
by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified
for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. The third day He rose
again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life. He proceeds from
the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*catholic means universal and not Roman Catholic

