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# The Apostles' Creed

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,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Traditional use of this creed includes these words: "He descended into hell."

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(He descended into Hades;) (excluded by some  
Christians)

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## The Nicene Creed

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

## The Nicene Creed (continued)

“And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 men, 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

## **The Nicene Creed (continued)**

“And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

# **Grace Ministries (Inverbervie) Statement of Faith**

**We believe in...**

**The one true God who exists eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

**The love, grace and sovereignty of God** in creating, sustaining, ruling, redeeming and judging the world.

**The divine inspiration of the whole bible**, which is the written Word of God—it is accurate, authoritative and relevant to our daily lives.

# Grace Ministries (Inverbervie) Statement of Faith (continued)

**We believe in...**

**The dignity of all people**, made male and female in God's image - to love, be holy and care for creation. However sin has separated each one of us from God and his purpose for our lives.

**The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ**—born of the virgin Mary; truly divine and truly human.

# Grace Ministries (Inverbervie) Statement of Faith (continued)

**We believe in...**

**The Lord Jesus Christ as both God and man** and that He is the only One who can reconcile us to God. He lived a sinless and perfect life, died on the cross to take our place, and rose again to prove his victory and empower our lives.

**The justification of sinners by the grace of God** - that in order to receive forgiveness and the 'new birth' we must repent of our sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Grace Ministries (Inverbervie) Statement of Faith (continued)

**We believe in...**

**The ministry of God the Holy Spirit** to live the holy and blessed lives that God intends for us. We believe in the importance of being baptised in water and being filled with the Spirit. We also believe in the necessity of accepting His will for our lives.

**The Church**, both local and universal, is the visible body of the risen Christ.

# Grace Ministries (Inverbervie) Statement of Faith (continued)

**We believe in...**

**The priesthood of all believers**—given life by the Spirit and individually equipped so that we can achieve God’s purpose for our lives, which is to worship God, fulfil our role in the Church, and serve in the community.

**The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ** as He promised to fulfil the purposes of God, who will raise all people to judgment, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost, and establish a new heaven and new earth.

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