

The Nicene Creed (I): connect with the Past

Matthew 16

ORCHARD VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

15 January, 2023



Orchard Valley Christian Church - We Want:

GOD TO BE SEEN

ALL TO FEEL LOVED

LIVES TRANSFORMED into Christlikeness

HOPE to be **DELIVERED** to a Hurting World



The Past

How far back can you
trace your Genealogy?

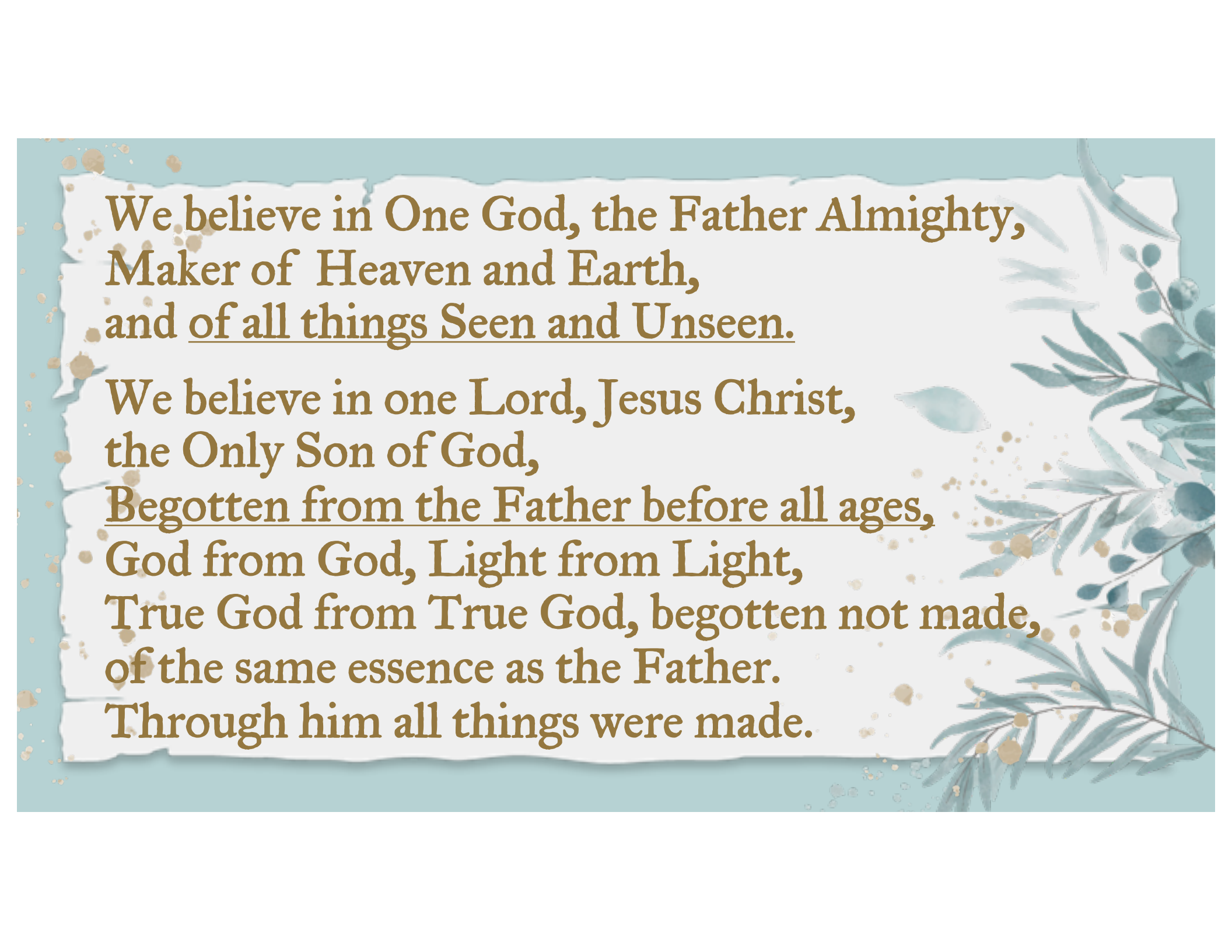


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**What We Believe:
The Nicene Creed**



The Nicene Creed



We believe in One God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and Earth,
and of all things Seen and Unseen.

We believe 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,
and became incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary, and was made human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered and was buried.

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 spoke through the prophets.





We believe in one holy worldwide 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.



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The First Creed

MATTHEW 16: 16

Matthew 16:13-17

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"Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!"

Matthew 16: 17-20

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and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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**Connecting with
the Past with Us**

Spiritual Generations

The Writing and Transmission of the New Testament

- 01 **The Historical Jesus**
Known, in person, by the Apostles
- 02 **Oral Tradition**
Beliefs, Traditions, Sayings developed
- 03 **Written Sources**
Earliest Manuscripts, such as Q, M
- 04 **Written Texts**
Letters and Gospels, from AD 45-90
- 05 **Distribution**
Shared by Christian Communities

New Testament (cont)

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Collection

BELIEVERS BEGIN TO COLLECT LETTERS AND GOSPELS

07

Canonization

NT SCRIPTURES CANONIZED AS AUTHORITATIVE

08

Translation

INTO LATIN, SYRIAC, COPTIC, ARMENIAN ETC

09

Interpretation

MEANING OF SCRIPTURE INVESTIGATED

10

Application

USED BY COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS FOR PRAXIS



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Lived Reality

The Story of Perpetua

Connecting: Past, Present, and Future



PAST

HERITAGE

INFORMS WHO
WE ARE



PRESENT

REALITY WE
FACE



FUTURE

THE FUTURE WE
ARE CREATING

Connecting: Past, Present, and Future



PAST
HERITAGE

Our Identity



PRESENT

What we
Desire



FUTURE

Who we Become

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Opportunity

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What will we do
differently?

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the better

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