

# CHRISTMAS PRESENTS *from the past*

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CREEDS *of the*  
EARLY CHURCH

## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from 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.

Creeds: short statements of belief \_\_\_\_\_  
Christian teaching.

- \_\_\_\_\_ the church against heretical teaching.
- Used to train followers of Christ by \_\_\_\_\_ them with the truth.
- Are NOT \_\_\_\_\_.
- Used to \_\_\_\_\_ seekers to the faith.

The main Scripture supported by the Nicene Creed: John 1:1-14

Historical context and background for the Nicene Creed:

The persistent human tendency is to prefer \_\_\_\_\_ concerning what God must be like and how He must act instead of preferring the truth of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### Key Summary Statements:

5. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ of very God. (John 1:1)
6. Jesus was begotten, not \_\_\_\_\_. (John 3:16)
7. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for us and for our salvation. (John 3:17)
8. Jesus was of one \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father. (John 10:30)