

RCIA Lesson 2

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I Believe

- Obedience of Faith – Latin for “to hear or listen”
- Abraham — “father of all who believe”
 - Heb 11:1-8
 - Gen 12:1-4
 - Rom 4:11, 18;
 - Gen 15:5
 - Heb 11:40; 12:2

I Believe

- Mary — “Blessed is she who believed”
 - Lk 1:37-48
 - Gen 18:14
 - Lk 2:35

I Know Whom I Have Believed

- *To believe in God alone*
 - Jer 17:5-6; Ps 40:5; 146:3-4
- *To believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God*
 - 18 Mk 1:11
 - Jn 14:1
 - Jn 1:18
- *To believe in the Holy Spirit*
 - 1 Cor 12:3
 - 1 Cor 2:10-11

The Characteristics of Faith

- *Faith is a gift of God*
- *Faith is a grace*
 - Mt 16:17; Gal 1:15; Mt 11:25
- *Faith is a human act*
- *Faith and understanding*
- *The freedom of faith*
- *Faith—the beginning of eternal life*
 - 1 Cor 13:12; 1 Jn 3:2

We Believe

- **“Lord, Look upon the Faith of Your Church”**
- **Apostles Creed**
- **Nicene Creed**
- **The Language of Faith**
 - 1 Tim 3:15; Jude 3
- **Only One Faith**
 - Eph 4:4-6

The Creeds

- Credo – Latin for “I Believe”
- Apostles’ Creed
 - The Summary of the Apostles’ faith
 - Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter
- Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed
 - Clarifies Apostles’ Creed
 - Stems from the 1st two ecumenical Councils
 - Universal East to West for the 1st 1600 years

Nicene Creed

- I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
 - Gen 1
 - Deut 6:4-5
 - Mk 12:29-30
 - Mk 12:35-37
 - Ex 3
 - Isa 45:15; Judg 13:18

Nicene Creed

- 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.
 - Mk 1:1
 - Jn 3:13; 6:33
 - Jn 13:3
 - Jn 4:2
 - Jn 1:1-14

Nicene Creed

- 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 sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.
- Gal 4:4; Heb 10:5; Lk 1:26–27; Gen 3:15; Gen 18:10–14; 21:1–2;

Nicene Creed

- And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.
- 2 Gal 4:6; Jn 17:3; Jn 14:17; Jn 3:34; Jn 3:34; Jn 16:13; Gal 3:14; Eph 1:13; Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6; Rom 8:9; Cor 3:17; 1 Pet 4:14; 1 Cor 12:13; Jn 19:34; 1 Jn 5:8; Ex 30:22–32; 1 Sam 16:13; Ex 30:22–32; 1 Sam 16:13; 1 Kings 18:38–39; Lk 1:17; 3:16; Lk 12:49; 1 Thess 5:19; 1 Kings 8:10–12; Gen 8:8–12; Mt 3:16

Nicene Creed

- And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
 - Acts 1:22-26
 - John 3:16