

# The Old Roman Creed<sup>1,2</sup>

## Second Century

I believe...

...In God the Father Almighty;

...And in Christ Jesus His only Son,  
Our Lord,  
Who was born by the Holy Spirit and out of the virgin Mary,  
Who under Pontius Pilate was crucified and buried,  
On the third day rose again from the dead,  
Ascended to heaven,  
Sits at the right hand of the Father,  
From where He will come to judge the living and the dead;

...And in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Church,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body.

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<sup>1</sup> A better translation would be “symbol” as the points were meant to be the sign by which you could recognize a fellow Christian.

<sup>2</sup> The Old Roman Creed is thought to be the basis for the later Apostles’ Creed.

# The Nicene Creed

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We believe...

...In one God,  
The Father Almighty,  
Maker of all things visible and invisible;

...And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father,  
The Only-Begotten,  
(That is, of the essence of the Father,  
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 both in heaven and on earth,  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down  
And was incarnate  
And was made man.  
He suffered,  
And the third day He rose again  
[And] ascended into heaven,  
From where He will come to judge the living and the dead.

...And in the Holy Spirit.

But those who say, "There was a time when He was not," and, "He was not before he was made," and, "He was made out of nothing," or, "He is of another substance" or "essence," or, "The Son of God is created" or "changeable" or "alterable" — they are condemned by the Holy, Universal, and Apostolic Church.

# The Nicene Creed

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We believe...

...In one God,  
The Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth  
And of all things visible and invisible;

...And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Only-Begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds,  
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 out of the virgin Mary  
And was made man.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate,  
And suffered  
And was buried,  
And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of the Father,  
From where He will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead,  
Whose kingdom will have no end.

...And in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and Giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the prophets;

...In one Holy, Universal, 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.