

---

# ATHANASIAN CREED

## *Quicumque Vult*

---

Whoever wants to be saved  
should above all cling  
to the catholic faith.  
Whoever does not guard it  
whole and inviolable  
will doubtless perish eternally.  
Now this is the catholic faith:  
We worship one God in trinity  
and the Trinity in unity,  
neither confusing the persons  
nor dividing the divine being.  
For the Father is one person,  
the Son is another,  
and the Spirit is still another.  
But the deity of the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit  
is one, equal in glory,  
coeternal in majesty.  
What the Father is,  
the Son is,  
and so is the Holy Spirit.  
Uncreated is the Father;  
uncreated is the Son;  
uncreated is the Spirit.  
The Father is infinite;  
the Son is infinite;  
the Holy Spirit is infinite.  
Eternal is the Father;  
eternal is the Son;  
eternal is the Spirit:  
And yet there are not  
three eternal beings,  
but one who is eternal;  
as there are not  
three uncreated and unlimited beings,  
but one who is uncreated  
and unlimited.  
Almighty is the Father;  
almighty is the Son;  
almighty is the Spirit:  
And yet there are not  
three almighty beings,  
but one who is almighty.  
Thus the Father is God;  
the Son is God;

the Holy Spirit is God:  
And yet there are not three gods,  
but one God.  
Thus the Father is Lord;  
the Son is Lord;  
the Holy Spirit is Lord:  
And yet there are not three lords,  
but one Lord.  
As Christian truth compels us  
to acknowledge each distinct person  
as God and Lord,  
so catholic religion forbids us  
to say that there are  
three gods or lords.  
The Father was neither made  
nor created nor begotten;  
the Son was neither made nor created,  
but was alone begotten of the Father;  
the Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding  
from the Father and the Son.  
Thus there is one Father,  
not three fathers;  
one Son, not three sons;  
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.  
And in this Trinity,  
no one is before or after,  
greater or less than the other;  
but all three persons are in themselves,  
coeternal and coequal;  
and so we must worship  
the Trinity in unity  
and the one God in three persons.  
Whoever wants to be saved should  
think thus about the Trinity.  
It is necessary for eternal salvation  
that one also faithfully believe that  
our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.  
For this is the true faith  
that we believe and confess:  
That our Lord Jesus Christ,  
God's Son, is both God and man.  
He is God, begotten before all worlds  
from the being of the Father,  
and he is man, born in the world

from the being of his mother—  
existing fully as God,  
and fully as man  
with a rational soul  
and a human body;  
equal to the Father in divinity,  
subordinate to the Father in humanity.  
Although he is God and man,  
he is not divided,  
but is one Christ.  
He is united because God has taken  
humanity into himself;  
he does not transform deity  
into humanity.  
He is completely one  
in the unity of his person,  
without confusing his natures.  
For as the rational soul and body  
are one person,  
so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.  
He descended into hell  
and rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
At his coming  
all people shall rise bodily  
to give an account of their own deeds.  
Those who have done good  
will enter eternal life,  
those who have done evil  
will enter eternal fire.  
This is the catholic faith.  
One cannot be saved  
without believing this  
firmly and faithfully.