

The Nicene Creed (325/381)

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, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again, in fulfillment of 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.

Westminster Larger Catechism (1648)

Q. 9. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A. There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.¹

¹[1 John 5:7](#); [Matt 3:16-17](#); [Matt 28:19](#); [2 Cor 13:14](#); [John 10:30](#).

Q. 10. What are the personal properties of the three persons in the Godhead?

A. It is proper to the Father to beget the Son,^m and to the Son to be begotten of the Father,ⁿ and to the Holy Ghost to proceed from the Father and the Son from all eternity.^o

^m[Heb 1:5-6,8](#). ⁿ[John 1:14,18](#). ^o[John 15:26](#); [Gal 4:6](#).

Q. 11. How doth it appear that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father?

A. The scriptures manifest that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father, ascribing unto them such names,^p attributes,^q works,^r and worship,^s as are proper to God only.

^p[Isa 6:3,5,8](#) compared with [John 12:41](#) and with [Acts 28:25](#); [1 John 5:20](#); [Acts 5:3-4](#). ^q[John 1:1](#); [Isa 9:6](#); [John 2:24-25](#); [1 Cor 2:10-11](#). ^r[Col 1:16](#); [Gen 1:2](#). ^s[Matt 28:19](#); [2 Cor 13:14](#).

H.A.N.D.S. THE DEITY OF CHRIST IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- **H**onours (Matt. 28:17; John 20:28)
- **A**tttributes (John 1:3; Col. 1:15; Rev. 22:13)
- **N**ames (John 1:1, 20:28; Rev. 17:14)
- **D**eeds (Luke 5:20; John 1:3; John 5:22-23; John 10:18; Col. 1:16-17)
- **S**eat (Phil. 2:10; Heb. 1:6, Heb. 8:1, Heb. 12:2; Eph. 1:21; Rev. 22:1)