

The Baptist Creed

I believe in one true God,
the Almighty Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible,
self-existent from eternity past to eternity future,
the same yesterday, today and forever,
unchangeable,
Sovereign over all things,
who created both time and space
with only the Word of His mouth.

And I believe 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;
wholly God, wholly man;
truly God, truly man;
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.

Who, for humanity's salvation,
emptied himself of the manifest glories of Godhead,
and was made in the likeness of men,
incarnate upon this earth,
born to the virgin Mary
by the conception of the Holy Ghost,
lived a life of holy perfection,
teaching, feeding, healing the sick,
and doing miracles;
that He was delivered to Pilate
and, though guiltless, was condemned to death,
and crucified
to fulfill the scriptures of the prophets;
that He was buried,
and descended to paradise
and preached to the saints of the Old Covenant;
and three days later, arose from the grave,
appearing to great numbers,
ascended into Heaven,
and even now sitteth on the right hand of the Father
as the only Mediator
and Advocate between God and Man.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the *Ruach*,
the Lord and Giver of life;
the Breath of all mankind;
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who in times past
spoke by the prophets and apostles,
by which we have been revealed
the inerrant, perfect Word;
I acknowledge this Word,
the Holy Scriptures,
the canon of the apostles,
as the only true revelation of God.

I acknowledge the glorious election
by which God,
before the foundation of the world,
in His perfect foreknowledge,
knowing that I would be moved
by the conviction of the Spirit
to accept the free gift of salvation,
did choose me as His own
and predestinated me to be sanctified
and conformed to the image of Christ,
and that from eternity past He has known me,
and has a perfect plan for my existence;
I acknowledge that all things work together
for my good,
and for the glory of God.

I acknowledge Baptism
as an act of public confession
of my faith in Christ Jesus,
and as the entrance
into the local body of the Church,
to be entered into only upon total assurance
of my salvation.

I look for the resurrection of the dead,
the rapture of the saints,
the earthly reign of our Lord and Savior,
the vanquishing of Satan and his evil horde,
and eternal,
everlasting life in the world to come.

I pray that my life may testify
of the covenant
which God has entered into with me,
that I may be a light
to the sin-darkened world
and make a difference
for the sake of His Name.

I boldly approach the eternal throne
of the Father in heaven
through the power of the Holy Spirit
and the authority of Jesus Christ—Amen.