

The Nicene Creed: 1700 Years Later

Why Did God Become a Man?

Romans 1:16-17 and 1 Timothy 2:5

October 26, 2025

The Lord's Day Morning

Reformation Sunday

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his 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;*

*who for us 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 is
seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end...*

—The Nicene Creed

Where the Reformers Found Common Ground

1. We know what to believe about God by looking to _____.
2. Mary was a virgin at the time of Jesus' miraculous _____ by God, the Holy Spirit.
3. In the incarnation, God the Son became a man to _____.
4. Jesus reigns as _____ of creation, _____ of the church, and _____ between God and man.

What the Reformers Recovered that the Church Neglected

1. _____ is the final authority, *not* creeds, councils, traditions, or popes.
2. Mary was a sinner saved by grace modeling humble obedience, *not* _____.
3. We're saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, *not* through faith _____.
4. Jesus is the only mediator, *not* _____.