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Brothers And Sisters In Christ

The Nicene Creed

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I 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, 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 men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the

resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

In contrast to the Apostles' Creed which was formulated over many centuries and as a general baptismal confession of faith, the Nicene Creed was formulated in much shorter time, and was written to combat the false teachings of Arius (who denied the divinity of Christ) and the Macedonians (who taught that the Holy Spirit was not God).

Because of the Arian controversy, emperor Constantine convened an ecumenical council to meet at the city of Nicea in the year 325 A.D. to settle the dispute. A confession was written by Eusebius of Caesarea, and presented to the 318 bishops who attended the Council of Nicea. A few changes were made to Eusebius' confession to establish more firmly the deity of Christ (the Latin word *homoiousios* - similar nature - was replaced with the word *homoousios* - same nature). The Council of Nicea accepted this form of the Creed and condemned the Arian teaching. The Nicene Creed at that time ended with the words "...and in the Holy Ghost" and an

anathema against the teaching of the Arians.

In the year 381, emperor Theodosius convened a second ecumenical council at Constantinople to deal once more with the Arians, and with a dispute over the person of the Holy Spirit. It was at this council that the wording of the Third Article was added, condemning Macedonius and his followers and defending the doctrine of the Trinity.

The Latin (western) form of the Nicene Creed differs only in the addition of the Latin word "*filioque*" ("and the Son"), which was added at a council held in Toledo, Spain in the year 589 A.D. The Greek (eastern) church never agreed to this addition, saying that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father alone (John 15:26), not the Father and the Son (John 16:7). This was one of the issues that separated these two churches, bringing about their final and complete separation in 1054 A.D.

The three fold division of the creed into articles was based on our God being three in one, the Trinity (Matthew 28:18-19).

Scriptural Foundation of the Nicene Creed

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Passages

Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 2:7; Psalm 51:11;
 Isaiah 9:7; Isaiah 51:13; Matthew 1:20;

Matthew 16:27; Matthew 27:60; Mark
 15:15; Luke 1:27; John 1:1-2; John 1:3;
 John 1:14; John 3:13; John 3:18; John
 10:30; John 15:26; John 16:7; John 17:3;
 John 20:17; Acts 2:33; Acts 2:36; Acts
 2:38; Acts 2:42; Acts 4:10, 12; Acts 8:37;
 Acts 10:42; Romans 4:25; Romans 8:2; 1
 Corinthians 15:3; 1 Corinthians 15:4; 2 Co-
 rinthians 13:14; Galatians 6:8; Ephesians
 3:9; Ephesians 4:5 (3); Ephesians 4:10; Co-
 lossians 1:15; Colossians 1:16; Colossians
 1:17; Colossians 1:18; Colossians 1:21-22;

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Psalms 62:1 Truly my soul silently waits
 for God; From Him comes my salvation.
 I asked Pastor Jyothi of the CLCI to tell
 about God's work with Pastor
 Barnabas. While there was more than one
 pastor in the CLCI named Barnabas, this is
 the man that volunteers who went to In-
 dia met in the last years.

-David Koenig

Greetings in the enduring and everlasting
 Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 Regarding Barnabas' tumor, it is a long
 time back.

Barnabas was one of our seminary stu-
 dents from 1999 batch. From the child-
 hood he has been suffering from health
 problems. In the year 1999, while we
 were doing summer outreach program
 suddenly Barnabas had severe stomach
 pain. And he was unable to bear the pain
 and he suffered a lot due to that problem.
 We took him to the Guntur hospital

where doctors examined him and said
 that he had tumor inside his stomach and
 it was a major one and that tumor was
 there inside of his stomach since his child-
 hood and it developed to a major size. So
 they suggested us to take him to Hydera-
 bad. Our hearts broke when we heard this
 news. We became very depressed and dis-
 couraged. Since his family was very poor, I
 requested the honorable mission board
 regarding this. With much generosity,
 honorable Mission Board helped us to
 take him to Hyderabad hospital. We
 joined him in very big hospital at Hydera-
 bad. There, doctors examined him
 through many tests. After some treatment
 like giving him nearly five bottles of blood,
 medicines and nine thousand rupees of
 expenditure, Doctors said that it could not
 be operated because it may cause him life
 threat and they gave some relief medica-
 tion so that he could live probably six
 months or one year.

After we came back from Hyderabad, I had conducted some special fasting prayer meetings. Myself, all the seminary students and some of our nearby CLCI pastors had prayed with tears in those three day fasting prayer meetings. After those fasting prayer meetings, Barnabas said that he was feeling better and he was OK with his health. We believed that the Lord answered our prayers. We really felt very happy about the healing that Barnabas had received from the Lord.

Even though the Lord gave him amazing healing, I never imagined that Barnabas could survive these many years. I personally thought that Barnabas may live two or three years. But amazingly the Lord healed him and gave him really 14 years of life. Amazingly Barnabas regained his health within no time and the wonderful Lord gave him full fitness for His work to which He called Barnabas. Jer 30:17 "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the Lord...

After that Barnabas successfully completed the seminary course. With our Lord's Grace, Barnabas served the Lord until 2013. Some of his pioneering works will remain forever in the CLCI. No doubt that he was a brave young pastor and very good technician in operating computers or electrical works or in repairing sound systems etc. In our CLCI history, he is one of the best pastors who served the CLCI and had such sincerity in doing the Lord's service.

After seven years of that incident, he got married. His wife's name is Alice. She is a

very nice young girl. She saw Barnabas in a prayer meeting and loved him, and inquired about him through our CLCI Pastor. Our pastor explained her all about Barnabas. Whole heartedly she agreed to marry him. With help of our CLCI pastor, Barnabas came to know about her love and agreed to marry her. We performed their marriage. The Lord blessed them with two daughters. His daughters were 6 and 4. He was 32.

Praise the Lord. And remember that all things are possible to him who believes.

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