



Hold Fast To Faith | Part 1

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14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

What is the most basic summary of Christian belief? What are the absolute essentials for someone to call themselves a Christian? These are important questions to ask in an increasingly pluralistic culture. The answers to these questions have been debated throughout Church history, but one particular document stands as the most basic definition of what it means to be a Christian: The Nicene Creed. The Creed was formulated in 325 by a gathering of bishops from across Christianity. Some of church history's most famous theologians were there: Athanasius, Eusebius, and St. Nicholas (yes, THAT St. Nicholas).

The lines of the Nicene Creed are filled with intentional theological depth. The next few sermons from Fr. Nathan will cover the creed line-by-line.

I believe: A statement that the Creed is built on the concept of faith. What is faith? in one God: The oneness of God is clearly articulated in Scripture. There are not many gods, but one God.

The Father: This is how God has revealed himself to us-- as a Father who dearly loves his children.

Almighty: God is all-power, all-knowing, and ever-present.

Questions:

- What does it mean to have faith?

- What is the significance of the Nicene Creed?

- What does it mean that there is only one God?

