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WE BELIEVE IN ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST

We believe in ONE Lord Jesus Christ, (Acts 11:17)
Son of God, (Mathew 14:33; 16:16)
Only-Begotten, (John 1:18; 3:16)
Begotten of the Father before all ages. (John 1:2)
Light from Light; (Psalm 27:1; John 8:12; Matthew 17:2,5)
True God from True God; (John 17:1-5)
Begotten, not made; (John 1:18)
of one essence with the Father (John 10:30)
through whom all things were made; (Hebrews 1:1-2)
Who for us men and for our salvation (1 Timothy 2:4-5)
came down from heaven, (John 6:33,35)
and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:35)
and became man. (John 1:14)
And He was crucified for us (Mark 15:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3)
under Pontius Pilate, (John 19:6)
suffered, (Mark 8:31)
and was buried. (Luke 23:53; 1 Corinthians 15:4)
And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
(Luke 24:1; 1 Corinthians 15:4)
and ascended into heaven, (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:10)
and sits at the right hand of the Father; (Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55)
and He shall come again with glory (Matthew 24:27)
to judge the living and the dead; (Acts 10:42; 2 Timothy 4:1)
Whose Kingdom shall have no end. (2 Peter 1:11)

Acts 10:34-43

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,
35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus
Christ (he is Lord of all),
37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after
the baptism that John proclaimed:
38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about
doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,
40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,
41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and
drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.
43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

John 1:1-5, 9-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")

16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

SUMMARY:

1. Jesus Our Lord- The Deity of Christ (John 1:1-13, Acts 10:36)

Jesus is eternally God and the true King who deserves our full allegiance.

2. Jesus Our Saviour- The Humanity of Christ (John 3:13,16, 6:33-35)

Jesus became truly human, suffered, died and rose again to save us.

3. Jesus the Judge-The Glory of Christ (Matthew 25:31-32, Acts 10:42)

Jesus will return in glory to judge all and establish His eternal Kingdom.

DISCUSS

1. The Deity of Jesus (God of God):

The Creed uses the phrase "of one Being with the Father" to show there is no difference between Jesus and God.

When you look at the character of Jesus - his mercy, his healing, and his love, how does it comfort you to know that this is exactly what the Heart of God the Father looks like, rather than God being a distant or unknown force?

2. The Humanity of Jesus (Became Truly Human):

We confess that Jesus "became truly human" and "suffered death."

Since the Creator of the universe chose to experience physical exhaustion, emotional grief, and real pain, how does this change the way you approach him with your own current struggles or "human" moments?

3. The Glory of Jesus (Ascended and Returning):

The Creed affirms that Jesus "ascended into heaven" and "will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead."

In a world that often feels chaotic or unfair, how does the promise of his final, glorious return and a "kingdom that will have no end" provide you with a sense of peace or purpose this week?

Pray For:

1. Humility and Hunger for God's Kingdom and Righteousness.

- Having entered into His Kingdom of mercy & grace by faith, may our lives be one that constantly seeks to honour and glorify Him.

2. Comfort and Assurance that our Lord knows Personally of our Sufferings.

- For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need

3. Preparation of our Hearts for the Return of Our Judge & King.

- As Jesus prayed to the Father: "I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.", may we respond similarly in anticipation of that glorious return.