

The Athanasian Creed

Whosoever will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholic Faith is this: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity;

Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son: and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate: and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal: and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternal: but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated; but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty: and the Holy Ghost almighty.

And yet there are not three almighties but one almighty.

So the Father is God, the son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet there are not three Gods: but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords, but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity: to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord:

So we are forbidden by the Catholic religion: to say there be Three Gods or Three Lords.

The Father is made of none: neither created nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone: not made nor created but begotten:

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son: neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers: one Son, not three Sons: one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other: none is greater or less than another.

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together: and coequal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid: the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved: must think thus of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation: that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right faith is, that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man,

God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds: and man, of the substance of his Mother, born in the world.

Perfect God and perfect man: of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching his godhead: and inferior to the Father, as touching his manhood,

Who although he be God and man: yet he is not two but one Christ:

One not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking of the manhood into God.

One altogether not by confusion of substance: but by unity of person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation: descended into hell rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty: from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead,

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies:

and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting: and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic Faith: which except a man believe faithfully he cannot be saved.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.