

Christ on the Cross

Life Principles for following Jesus

At the literal crux of human history, Christ hangs on a tree. Jesus' bloody death is an event that has haunted, convicted, blessed, confused, saved, or condemned everyone who has ever lived.

In this Sunday School course, we will carefully examine the atonement—Jesus' death in our place, the act that reconciled all things to God, making peace through His blood shed on the cross.

March 4	Introduction to Jesus Christ
11	Jesus Died in Our Place (Substitutionary Atonement)
18	Jesus Died to Crush Our Enemies (Christus Victor)
25	Jesus Died For Our Freedom (Redemption)
April 1	Jesus as our Sacrifice (New Covenant Sacrifice)
8	Jesus Died For Our Unrighteousness (Imputed Righteousness)
15	Jesus Died to Forgive Us (Justification)
22	Jesus Took Our Wrath (Propitiation)
29	Unlimited Limited Atonement
May 6	Jesus Paid Our Debt (Ransom)
13	Jesus Died as Our Example (Christus Exemplar)
20	Jesus Died to Cleanse Our Filth (Expiation)
27	Jesus Died to Reveal God (Revelation)

The Nicene Creed

(Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, 381 AD)

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 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 sits 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 proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe 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.

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Jesus as the Son of God

- Matthew 1:18-25
- John 1:1-5
- Colossians 1:15-20; John 17:1-5

The Deity/Divinity of Jesus

- 1 Corinthians 8:4-6 (*proof text for Arianism*)
- Colossians 2:8-10

The Humanity of Jesus

- **Virgin Birth:** Matthew 1:18
- **Human weakness and limitations:** Hebrews 2:17-18
- **Sinlessness of Jesus:** Hebrews 4:14-16
- **Eternal Human Nature:** Revelation 1:12-13, 17-18

Arian controversy / Arianism

- The First Council of Nicaea
- Athanasius vs. Arius
- Homoiousios and Homoousios
 - Homoiousios
 - Homoousios
- The Nicene Creed