

# Athanasian Creed: Biblical Foundation

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1. Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith;	John 3:18, 2 John 9
2. Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastinglly	Mark 16:16, John 3:36
3. And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;	Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 28:19, John 3:34
4. Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance.	<p>*Three Persons ~ John 16:13-15, Matthew 3:16-17, Revelation 5:1 &amp; 6-7</p> <p>*One substance ~ Isaiah 44:6, 45:21-22, Deut. 4:35, 1 Kings 8:60</p>
5. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.	Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14
6. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.	<p>One glory ~ Isaiah 42:8, Psalm 29:1-3, 1 Timothy 1:17, Revelation 4:11</p> <p>One majesty ~ Deuteronomy 33:26, Psalm 93:1</p> <p>*Father's glory ~ Ephesians 3:20-21, Revelation 4:11, Jude 1:25</p> <p>*Son's glory ~ John 1:14, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Hebrews 1:3</p> <p>*Spirit's glory ~ 1 Peter 4:14, 2 Corinthians 3:8</p> <p>*Father's majesty ~ Jude 1:25, 2 Peter 1:17, Hebrews 1:3</p> <p>*Son's majesty ~ Hebrews 1:8, Revelation 11:15, 19:11-16</p> <p>*Spirit's majesty ~ Revelation 1:4</p>
7. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.	<p>Matthew 11:27, John 14:1 &amp; 7-11, John 14:16</p> <p>(Note the word "another" [allon] = another of the same kind)</p>

<p>8. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.</p>	<p>To be Creator means that you are uncreated. You cannot create all things and then be a created being yourself. Therefore, we see that each Person of the Godhead is uncreated because each is accounted to be the Creator:</p> <p>*Father ~ Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 64:6, Malachi 2:10  *Son ~ John 1:3, Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2  *Spirit ~ Genesis 1:2, Psalm 104:30, Job 26:13 &amp; 33:4</p> <p>Yet, there is only ONE Creator ~ Malachi 2:10, Isaiah 44:24</p>
<p>9. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.</p>	<p>*Father ~ Job 9:10, Ephesians 3:20  *Son ~ Ephesians 3:8, Matthew 11:27  *Spirit ~ John 3:8, 1 Corinthians 2:11</p>
<p>10. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.</p>	<p>*Father ~ Deuteronomy 33:27  *Son ~ Micah 5:1-2, Hebrews 13:8  *Spirit ~ Hebrews 9:14</p>
<p>11. And yet they are not three eternals but one eternal.</p>	<p>*One God = eternal  Genesis 21:33, 1 Timothy 1:17, Psalm 90:2</p>
<p>12. As also there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensible, but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.</p>	<p>*God incomprehensible = Romans 11:33,  Isaiah 40:13-14 &amp; 28  *God uncreated = Exodus 3:14, Isaiah 43:10-12</p>
<p>13. So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty.</p>	<p>*Father ~ 2 Corinthians 6:18  *Son ~ Isaiah 9:6, Philippians 3:20-21  *Spirit ~ Job 33:4, Luke 1:35-37</p>
<p>14. And yet they are not three almighty, but one almighty.</p>	<p>God is almighty ~  Genesis 17:1, Psalm 89:7-9,  Revelation 11:17</p>
<p>15. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God;</p>	<p>*Father = John 6:27, Psalm 89:26, Isaiah 63:16  *Son = John 1:1, 1 John 5:20, 2 Peter 1:1, Colossians 2:9  *Spirit = Acts 5:3-4, 2 Corinthians 3:17</p>

16. And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.	Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 Timothy 2:5, Galatians 3:20
17. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord;	*Father ~ Psalm 110:1, Deuteronomy 32:6, Matthew 11:25 *Son ~ 1 Corinthians 8:6 & 12:3, Matthew 22:43-45, 2 Corinthians 4:5 *Spirit ~ 2 Corinthians 3:18, Isaiah 11:2
18. And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.	One Lord ~ Deuteronomy 10:17, Zechariah 14:9, Ephesians 4:5
19. For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord;	See Nos. 15 and 16.
20. So are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say; There are three Gods or three Lords.	1 Corinthians 8:6, John 5:44
21. The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten.	Romans 1:20  The Father is Creator of all things. Therefore, He cannot be a created being—as this would mean He would have had to create Himself. ~ 1 Corinthians 8:6, Ephesians 3:9, Psalm 121:2
22. The Son is of the Father alone; not made nor created, but begotten.	Psalm 2:7, John 1:18, John 3:16, Hebrews 1:5
23. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.	John 15:26, Acts 2:33, Hebrews 9:14
24. So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.	*One Father ~ Ephesians 4:6, Matthew 23:9 *One Son ~ Ephesians 4:5, John 1:14 *One Spirit ~ Ephesians 4:4
25. And in this Trinity none is afore or after another; none is greater or less than another.	The three Persons are presented in Scripture as being of equal status ~ John 10:30, Matthew 11:27, John 12:45-46, John 14:9, John 14:16, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

26. But the whole three persons are coeternal, and coequal.	Each verse cited above that demonstrates the deity of the individual Persons of the Godhead also indicates they coequality. God, by definition, cannot be less than God.
27. So that in all things, as aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.	<p>Rev. 4:8-11, Matthew 4:10, Rev. 5:8 &amp; 11-14, Luke 24:52</p> <p>Should the Holy Spirit be worshipped? Psalm 18:3 says that Yahweh is worthy of praise; and the Holy Spirit is Yahweh, even as the Father and Son are also Yahweh. To see that the Spirit is truly Yahweh compare Isaiah 6:8 with Acts 28:25, Exodus 16:7 with Heb. 3:7-9, and Psalm 95 with Hebrews 3:7-11.</p> <p>The Scriptures present genuine worship as something that involves all three members of the Godhead ~ Philippians 3:3, John 4:24, Acts 4:24-31</p> <p>2 Corinthians 13:14 presents to us a prayer offered to all three members of the Godhead, in sequence. If each Person can be addressed in prayer, can we deny any Person (or the Three together) the right of worship and adoration?</p> <p>Also Ephesians 1:3-14 and 1 Peter 1:3-12 are both extended anthems of worship to God for salvation... and each passage includes references to the Father, Son and Spirit.</p>
28. He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.	John 17:3 ~ Eternal life consists of knowing (being in relationship) with the true God; and this God is Triune in nature.