

## The Athanasian Creed [QUICUNQUE VULT]

1. **Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all, keep the Catholic faith.**
2. **For unless a person keeps this faith whole and entire, he will undoubtedly be lost forever.**
3. **This is what the catholic faith teaches: we worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity.**
4. **We distinguish among the persons, but we do not divide the substance.**
5. **For the Father is a distinct person; the Son is a distinct person; and the Holy Spirit is a distinct person.**
6. **Still the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit have one divinity, equal glory, and coeternal majesty.**
7. **What the Father is, the Son is, and the Holy Spirit is.**
8. **The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated.**
9. **The Father is boundless, the Son is boundless, and the Holy Spirit is boundless.**
10. **The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal.**
  
11. **Nevertheless, there are not three eternal beings, but one eternal being.**
12. **Thus there are not three uncreated beings, nor three boundless beings, but one uncreated being and one boundless being.**
13. **Likewise, the Father is omnipotent, the Son is omnipotent, and the Holy Spirit is omnipotent.**
14. **Yet there are not three omnipotent beings, but one omnipotent being.**
15. **Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.**
16. **But there are not three gods, but one God.**
17. **The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord.**
18. **There are not three lords, but one Lord.**
19. **For according to Christian truth, we must profess that each of the persons individually is God; and according to Christian religion we are forbidden to say that there are three gods or three lords.**
20. **The Father is not made by anyone, nor created by anyone, nor generated by anyone.**
  
21. **The Son is not made nor created, but he is generated by the Father alone.**
22. **The Holy Spirit is not made nor created nor generated, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
23. **There is, then, one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.**
24. **In this Trinity, there is nothing greater, nothing less than anything else before.  
But the entire three persons are coeternal and coequal with one another.**
25. **So that, as we have said, we worship complete unity in the Trinity and the Trinity in unity.**
26. **This, then is what he who wishes to be saved must believe about the Trinity.**
27. **It is also necessary for eternal salvation that he believes steadfastly in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**
28. **The true faith is: we believe and profess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and man.**
29. **As God He was begotten of the substance of the Father before time; as man, He was born in time of the substance of His Mother.**
30. **He is perfect God; and He is perfect man, with a rational soul and human flesh.**
  
31. **He is equal to the Father in His divinity, but He is inferior to the Father in His humanity.**
32. **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ.**
33. **And He is one, not because His divinity was changed into flesh, but because His humanity was assumed to God.**
34. **He is one, not at all because of a mingling of substances, but because He is one person.**
35. **As a rational soul and flesh are one man: so God and man are one Christ.**
36. **He died for our salvation, descended to hell, arose from the dead on the third day.**
37. **Ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**
38. **At His coming, all men are to arise with their own bodies; and they are to give an account of their lives.**
39. **Those who have done good deeds will go into eternal life; those who have done evil will go into the everlasting fire.**
40. **This is the catholic faith. Everyone must believe it, firmly and steadfastly; otherwise he cannot be saved.**

Amen.