



## Hold Fast To Faith | Part 2

Colossians 1:15-23

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This week we are covering part 2 of a sermon series exploring the Nicene Creed. In part 1 we discussed, "We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty." Today we will cover:

Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were  
made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven.

Christians believe that God created, but there is significant debate around *how* he created. The Creed does not mandate that we believe that God created in a certain time line (6 days or over billions of years), but belief that God is the creator is an essential element of faith. He created not only the visible world, but the invisible, spiritual world as well. This is often a neglected aspect of our teachings. We much prefer to believe in things we can see and prove, but Scripture is clear that there is an invisible, spiritual realm.

The Creed goes on to affirm the uniqueness of Jesus Christ as our Lord and savior. There is salvation available in no one else. He was not adopted by God, but is truly and fully God. This has confused people since the very beginning, but that is why the Creed is so clear to articulate that Jesus is God.

Questions:

1. What does it mean that God has created the heavens and the earth?
2. What is your understanding of the invisible, spiritual realm?
3. How can Jesus be both the "Son of God" and also fully God?
4. Why did Jesus come down from heaven?

