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For unto you is **born this day in the city of David a Saviour**, which is Christ the Lord. (Luk 2:11 KJV)

I am the living bread which <u>came down from heaven</u>: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (Joh 6:51 KJV)

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And <u>Mary</u> said to the angel, "How can this be, since <u>I am a virgin</u>?"And the angel answered and said to her, "<u>The Holy Spirit will come upon you</u>, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God. (Luk 1:30-35 NASB)

But we see Jesus, who <u>was made</u> a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.(Heb 2:9 NKJ)

But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being **made in the likeness of men.** And being found in **appearance as a man**, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phi 2:7 NASB) And so **<u>Pilate</u>**, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be **crucified**. (Mar 15:15 KJV)

And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to **<u>Pontius Pilate</u>** the governor.

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also <u>suffered</u> for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, (1Pe 2:21 NASB)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, <u>that Christ died for our sins</u> according to the Scriptures, and that He was **buried**, and that He was **raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures, (1Co 15:3-4 NASB)

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was <u>received up into heaven, and sat on the</u> <u>right hand of God</u>. (Mar 16:19 KJV)

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will <u>come again</u>, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (Joh 14:3 KJV)

But when the Son of Man <u>comes in His glory</u>, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. (Mat 25:31 NAS)

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; (2Ti 4:1 KJV)

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (Luk 1:33 KJV)

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father <u>the</u> <u>promise of the **Holy Ghost**</u>, he hath <u>shed forth this, which ye now see and hear</u>. (Act 2:33 KJV)

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Who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the **Spirit gives life**. (2Co 3:6)

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And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, **proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb**. (Rev 22:1 KJV)

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the Holy Spirit, (Mat 28:19)

For the <u>prophecy</u> came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God <u>spake as they</u> <u>were moved by the Holy Ghost</u>. (2Pe 1:21 KJV) So we, being many, are <u>one</u> body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (Rom 12:5 KJV)

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to <u>the church</u>, <u>which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all</u>. (Eph 1:22-23 NKJ)

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Mat 18:20 NKJ)

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon <u>the foundation of the apostles</u> and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; (Eph 2:19-20 KJV)



We 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 His 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 ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And We believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets.

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And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, And was made man;

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"The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God."And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus."He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end."And <u>Mary</u> said to the angel, "How can this be, since <u>I am a virgin</u>?"And the angel answered and said to her, "<u>The Holy Spirit</u> <u>will come upon you</u>, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God. (Luk 1:30-35 NAU)

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

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He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, <u>that Christ</u> <u>died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was **buried**, and that He was **raised on the third** <u>day according to the Scriptures</u>, (1Co 15:1-4 NAS)</u>

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And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luk 21:27 KJV)

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"Even the <u>Spirit</u> of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: <u>but ye know him</u>; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (Joh 14:17 KJV)

This only would I learn of you, Received ye the <u>Spirit</u> by the works of the law, or by the hearing <u>of faith</u>? (Gal 3:2 KJV)

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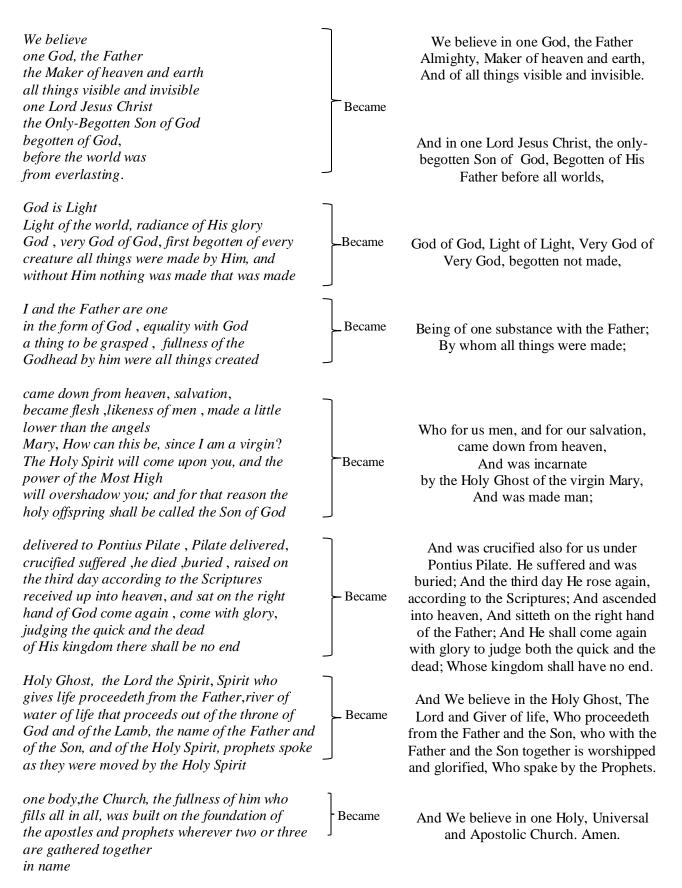
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SCRIPTURES BECAME THE CREED



This is the testimony of Scripture and of the apostles, and this is the faithful testimony of the early church, to which, we are admonished, that we should be always be mindful of, as was testified to us by Peter, the apostle of our Lord.

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may <u>be mindful of the words which were</u> <u>spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the</u> <u>Lord and Saviour</u>." (2Pe 3:2 KJV).

This is what the apostles believed and this is what we believe; we add our Amen to these blessed truths, blessed truths that were confirmed by those who went before us.

As the writer of Hebrews says,

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, **and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him**?" (Heb 2:3 NKJV)

Amen!

THIS WE BELIEVE - FOR SILICA BIBLE CHAPEL

We confess with Simon Peter, that we believe (Jn. 6:69)! With Paul, the apostle, we affirm that there is one God, the Father (I Cor. 8:6), who the Psalmist says is the Maker of heaven and earth (Ps. 115:15), and who Paul says created all things visible and invisible (Col. 1:16). For us, as with Paul, there is one Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 8:6). We believe with John that the Lord Jesus was the Only-Begotten Son of God (Jn 3:16, 18), and that He, who was begotten of God, keeps us (I Jn. 5:18 ERV). We confess with John that He existed before the world was (Jn. 17:5), and with the prophet Micah that he was from everlasting (Micah 5:2).

We declare with John that God is light (I Jn. 1:5), and that Jesus was the Light of the world (Jn. 8:12). We also believe, along with the writer of Hebrews, that He was God (Heb. 1:8), being, as John affirmed in his epistle, very God of Him, who was God (I Jn. 5:20).

With Paul we confess that the Son was the first begotten of every creature (Col. 1:15 Geneva Bible), who was not made himself because all things that were made were made by Him (Col. 1:16; Jn. 1:3). With John we confess that He and the Father are one (Jn. 10:30), existing, as Paul says, in the form of God, not regarding equality with God a thing to be grasped (Phil. 2:6), having the fullness of the Godhead (Col. 2:9)

We hold dear the truth with John that he came down from heaven (Jn. 3:13) – for our salvation, as Paul says (Titus 2:11) – becoming flesh (Jn. 1:14), in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:7), or, as the writer of Hebrews says, being "made a little lower than the angels" (Heb. 2:9).

As Luke tells us, we believe that the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, announcing that she would conceive and bring forth a Son whom she would call Jesus; and with Mary we treasure her words, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

We praise God for the testimony of Luke regarding the answer to her question, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God (Lu. 1:26-35).

With sorrow in our hearts we believe the testimony of Matthew that he was delivered to Pontius Pilate (Matt. 27:2), and with Mark that Pilate delivered him to be crucified (Mk. 15:15).

We witness together with Peter that Jesus suffered (I Pet. 2:21), and with Paul that he died and was buried and was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (I Cor. 15:3-4).

Then, with Mark, we affirm that he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God (Mk. 16:19), all the while, rejoicing with John that he will come again (Jn. 14:3), and with Matthew and Paul that he will come with glory (Matt. 25:31), judging the quick and the dead (II Tim. 4:1). We believe, like Luke, that of His kingdom there shall be no end (Luke 1:33).

Then, with Peter we believe that he received the promise of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:33), who, as Paul says, is the Lord the Spirit (II Cor. 3:17), the Spirit who gives life (II Cor. 3:6).

With John, we affirm that he proceedeth from the Father (Jn. 15:26), even like a river of water of life that proceeds out of the throne of God and of the Lamb (Rev. 22:1). With Matthew we worship and glorify Him along with the Father and Son, honoring that one glorious name – the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19), and we believe with Peter that the prophets spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (II Pet. 1:21).

We rejoice with Paul, that there is one body (Rom. 12:5), the Church, the fullness of him who fills all in all (Eph. 1:22-23), and we believe with Paul that this Church was built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Eph. 2:19-20). We also take comfort, with Matthew, that our Lord, the Head of the Church, as Paul says (Eph. 1:22), is wherever two or three are gathered together in His name (Matt. 18:20).

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