

The Fulfillment of Church Unity

Luke 17:24 (NLT)

[24] For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other, so it will be on the day when the Son of Man comes.

Matthew 24:30-31 (NIV)

[30] “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. [31] And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

When this world draws to a close and Christ returns, all true believers will be ushered into the Kingdom of God and all our differences will be over, because in our common beliefs, we stand as one.

Small Group Prayer Requests



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Scripture References

John 15:26 • John 10:6-9 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 17:24 • Matthew 24:30-31

- 1) The most important difference between Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant Churches is their views about the authority of _____ compared to the authority of church _____.
- 2) Both Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox place church tradition and historic _____ on a higher level than scripture, while Protestants view scripture as the highest authority.

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- 3) Grace Bible Church is not part of a denomination. We are an autonomous church in _____ with The Evangelical Free Churches of America.
- 4) Autonomous churches are often called congregational churches, because _____ is vested in the local congregation.
- 5) Both the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church claim _____ succession, meaning the authority Jesus gave to Peter has been handed down in an unbroken chain from the 1st century to today. Protestants do not accept this teaching.
- 6) The _____ Creed is considered the foundational statement of the beliefs of Christianity. All three branches of Christianity affirm this statement.
- 7) In Protestant churches, scripture is the highest authority. Church Tradition is very important, but it is always _____ in light of scripture.
- 8) The different _____ of the historic _____ of Christianity all flow together in the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father (and the Son,)
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.