

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

2 THESSALONIANS 2:15

So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.

1 PETER 1:2

who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the everlasting life. Amen.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION

This song is a confession of faith in the one Trinitarian God.

VERSES/CHORUS/BRIDGE

After 313 A.D. persecution was no longer the normative relationship between the world and Christianity, which allowed for a period of creedal Christianity. Meaning the church assembled several times to produce belief statements, or creeds. One statement, that potentially has its origins even before 313 A.D., is what we refer to as The Apostle's Creed. As with all creeds it sought to establish orthodox understandings about God. All creeds have reasons behind their conception, many of which can be determined by what the creed determines necessary to clarify or discuss. The Apostle's Creed is concerned with establishing two major components of the Christian faith: 1) the Trinity, and 2) the birth, life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension and return of Christ Jesus.

Why does any of this matter? Well, it matters because as we can see in comparing the creed and the lyrics, we can determine that we are singing the creed near verbatim. The song itself is even arranged to bring our attention to the main points of The Apostle's Creed with the first verse and chorus establishing a Trinitarian understanding of God. The last line of the first chorus leaves off on Jesus, transitioning the rest of the song to address what the creed has to say about Him. What is amazing with this song is that we get to proclaim joyously the truths of Scripture that have been passed to us by the testimony and letters of the Apostles (Acts 2:42; 2 Thess. 2:15) from age to age. When we sing this song, we do not simply proclaim what we believe to be true about Christianity, but we proclaim the central truths of Christianity that countless hundreds of thousands of brothers and sisters have committed themselves to for two thousand years. This is an incredible mercy of God that is to get to partake in that kind of unity in Jesus through Spirit. Thus, may we join with the myriads of myriads and worship Him.