

## *The Tenet Creed: A Summary of the Doctrine of the Apostolic Church*

*The doctrine of the Apostolic Church is set out in the Creeds, the Tenets, and the Confession of Faith. This creedal statement summarises the faith contained in those doctrinal standards.*

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
Who created all things good, and made mankind, male and female, in His own image and likeness.  
By sinning against God, mankind fell into a state of sin, misery, and death,  
So that our only hope is a new birth by God's grace,  
Which will turn us from our death in sin to the one true God for salvation.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the eternally begotten Son of God,  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
And became man, while remaining God,  
And was born, for our sake, of the Virgin Mary,  
Lived the only sinless life,  
Suffered and died on the cross, in our place, bearing the penalty for our sins.  
On the third day, He rose victorious from the grave,  
Having triumphed over sin, death, hell and the devil.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
Where He ever lives to make intercession for us.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father through the Son,  
Who convicts us of our sin and unites us to Christ through faith alone,  
So that, united to Christ, we receive Him as our salvation,  
Are clothed with Him for righteousness,  
Forgiven of our sins,  
Conformed more and more to His likeness,  
And granted a new obedience.

We believe that the Son baptises His people in the Holy Spirit, with signs following.

We believe that the Holy Spirit distributes gifts as He will among Christ's people,  
And has inspired the Scriptures as the very words of God:  
As the words of God, they carry God's authority,  
As the words of the God who cannot lie, they cannot err.

We believe in one holy Church, the Body of Christ,  
Joined to Christ the Head, who fills His Body with His fullness,  
And ministers to His Body:  
Through His holy sacraments of baptism by immersion and the Breaking of Bread;  
And as Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, Elder and Deacon,  
Through these ministry gifts which He has set in His Church.

We believe that Christ will return, though we do not know the day or the hour,  
That He will reign upon the earth,  
And that He will raise the dead:  
Those who have not turned from their sins to Christ, to eternal judgement,  
And those who are united to Christ through faith, to eternal glory in the presence of the Triune God. Amen.