

These Things We Believe: God Became One of Us

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[John 1:1-5, 10-14](#)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6-9... 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

By faith, we believe...

1. **GOD BECAME ONE OF US**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

[Matthew 1:20-23](#)

20 ... "... what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 ... he will save his people from their sins." 22... 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"— which means, "God with us."

By faith, we believe...

2. **GOD SUFFERED AND DIED FOR OUR SAKE**

[Jesus] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

[Genesis 2:16-17](#)

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

[John 19](#)

1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head... 3 and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face. 16 Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified... 17 Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). 18 Here they crucified him... 30 ... Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 41 At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. 42 ... they laid Jesus there.

By faith, we believe...

3. **GOD ROSE AND ASCENDED IN POWER**

The third day He [Jesus] rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

[Matthew 28:5-6](#)

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

[Acts 1:8-9](#)

8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; ..." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."

By faith, we believe...

4. **GOD REIGNS WITH AUTHORITY**

[Jesus] sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

[Matthew 26:63-64](#)

63 ... The high priest said to [Jesus], "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."