

## Is There More?

Well, sure. God has given us an incredible love letter, the Bible. However as we grow in our knowledge of God, it is always intended to deepen a relationship with Him. So many people in church are simply settling for head knowledge. It's what we call "Christian Trivial Pursuit". That is so far from what God desires. His passion isn't for us to amass a bunch of facts. His deepest desire is a relationship with us! Jesus said it best...He said all of the commands in the Bible boil down to loving God with every fiber of our being and loving one another deeply.

That is our passion here @ Threads. Because of this, we have committed to teach and defend our Creed. As you may notice, this Creed is the core of our faith. You can't remove one of these elements and have the faith taught by the prophets and apostles. In the essentials we have common unity. In the minor issues, we have a great range of diversity here within Threads.

Don't get us wrong, there is a great need to continue to learn and grow in our understanding of God. It must be shaped by His Words to us. However, this Creed is the core of our faith and common unity.

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# Threads' CREED

what we  
believe...

Threads exists to help unchurched people become radical "love God, love others" Christ followers.

**We believe** the Bible is the Word of God, with every word and thought inspired by God. It is the sufficient and final authority for our faith and lifestyle.

*(II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21)*

**We believe** one God has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The three persons are co-equal and form one God. God is all knowing, everywhere present, all powerful, holy, good, and just. He is the Creator of all that exists.

*(Genesis 1:1, 26-27, 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; I Peter 1:2; II Corinthians 13:14)*

**We believe** God the Father is the head of the Trinity. He initiates in the relationship within the Trinity. He also provides for and protects His children. The Father is creation's architect and authored the plan of salvation.

*(Matthew 3:17; John 5:37; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 1:3-6; Hebrews 12:9)*

**We believe** Jesus is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. He became a man (without diminishing His deity) by birth to a virgin named Mary. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross.

He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. Jesus ascended to Heaven's glory and serves us as our great high priest. Jesus will return from heaven to finish establishing His Kingdom.

*(Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 9:6, 53:6; John 1:1-5, 8:46, 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14-15; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:3-4, 8:34; Acts 1:9-11; I Corinthians 5:21; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13, I Peter 5:3)*

**We believe** the Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make humanity aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer a spiritual gift or gifts when they invite Jesus to live under his control daily.

*(II Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; 14:16-17; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18)*

**We believe** that Jesus sacrificed His own life in place of ours. All who believe on Him are forgiven, saved, and no longer under the condemnation of eternal death.

*(I Peter 3:18a, John 14:6, Titus 3:5)*

**We believe** through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has established the Church. It is a single worshipping community permanently gathered together in God's presence. However, it appears in the form of local

congregations. The Church is designed to gather for worship, for teaching the Word, for prayer, for fellowship between believers, and for meeting the needs of one another. The very heart of the Church's mission is to make disciples wherever we are going.

*(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-47; Acts 6; Romans 15:8-16; I Corinthians 14:23-26; Hebrews 10:25; I John 2:6)*

**We believe** people were created to live forever. All people have rebelled against God and face a deserved death penalty. Non-believers will exist eternally separated from God by sin in hell. Believers will exist eternally with God in heaven through forgiveness and salvation.

*(Isaiah 53:6a, Isaiah 59:1-2, Matthew 25:31-46, John 3:16, Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)*

