

Sunday School Study Guide-Grade 10

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The Nicene Creed

Priest: *We believe in one true God.*

*Deacon: The father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:
And in the One Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God: begotten of the Father before all
worlds; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of the same substance with the
Father; and by whom all things were made:*

*+ WHO FOR US MEN, AND FOR OUR SALATION, CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN,
+ AND WAS INCARNATE OF THE HOLY VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND BECAME
MAN. + AND WAS CRUCIFIED FOR US IN THE DAYS OF PONTIUS PILATE; AND SUFFERED, AND DIED AND
WAS BURIED.*

*And the third day rose again according to His will, and ascended into heaven, and sat on the right and of His Father, and
shall come again in His great glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end:*

*And in the one living Holy Spirit, the life giving Lord of all, who proceeds from the Father, and who with the Father and
the Son is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets and the Apostles:*

And in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church: And we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins:

And look for the resurrection of the dead: And the new life in the world to come.

People: Amen.

Psal m 51

- 1: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.*
- 2: Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*
- 3: For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.*
- 4: Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*
- 5: Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
- 6: Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.*
- 7: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*
- 8: Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*
- 9: Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.*
- 10: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*
- 11: Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.*
- 12: Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.*
- 13: Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*
- 14: Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.*
- 15: O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*
- 16: For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.*
- 17: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*
- 18: Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.*
- 19: Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.*

Hymn of Saint Ephraim

Lord have mercy upon us
Kindly accept our prayers
Grant us mercy, redemption
From Thy treasury above.

Let me Lord, before Thee stand,
Wakeful my watch I'd keep,
Should I fall to slumber's hand,
Guard me from my sinful sleep.

If I do wrong while awake
Mercifully absolve me;
If I err in my sleep
In mercy, grant redemption.

By Thy cross + of submission
Grant me, Lord, a restful sleep,
Forbid vain and evil dreams
O my Lord, from Thy servant.

Through the night conduct me, Lord,
Peaceful sleep give Thou to me,
Wroth and foul thoughts O Lord
May not govern me at all.

O Lord, Thy servant I am
Guard my body while I sleep
Keep Thy bright angel's guard
O my Lord, by my side.

Christ Thy life-abiding
Holy body that I ate
Keep away from my heart

Evil desires that destroy.

While I sleep in this night
May Thy holy blood guard me
Be Thou always redeemer
For I am Thine image.

Thy hand shaped me, O Lord
Shadow me with Thy right hand,
Let Thy mercy be a fortress
Shielding me-all around.

While my body silent lies,
May Thy power keep vigil;
Let my sleep in Thy presence
Be like the rising incense.

Thy mother who did bear Thee
By her prayers for me Lord
Let not evil touch my bed,
While I slumber in this night.

By Thy pleasing sacrifice
That absolved me from my distress
Forbid from me the wicked one
That keeps troubling me.

By Thy kindness O my Lord
Thy promise in me fulfilled
By Thy Holy Cross + O Lord
Protect my life perfect.

Thou who pleased in me
Feeble and sinful servant I am

May I praise Thy mercy,
When I wake up from my sleep.

May Thy servant know Thy will
In Thy true loving kindness
Grant me O Lord Thy mercy
So that I may walk with Thee.

Jesus Christ, O my Lord
Grant to us Thy servants
An evening filled with peace
And a night of graceful sleep.

True light Thou art O Lord
Praise we Thy bright glory
We children of Thy light
Praise Thee for ever more.

O savior of mankind
Thy servants praise Thy mercy
As we do in this world
May it be in heaven above.

Praise to Thee, O my Lord
Praise to Thee, O my savior
Praise a thousand thousand fold
Praise we Thou O Jesus Christ.

Thou who does receive our prayers
Thou who grants supplications
Heed Thy servants' prayers
Kindly grant our petitions.

Essay Questions-10 points

VIEW THE BRIEF OUTLINES...

Compare and contrast Eastern
Spirituality and Western Spirituality

Describe the Holy Trinity

Explain what Ecumenism is and what
is the biggest achievement of this?

Compare and contrast Eastern Spirituality and Western Spirituality

I. Eastern Spirituality

- a. Spirituality that exists in eastern churches and countries
- b. Based on Holy Bible
- c. Eastern churches give importance to spirituality which each believer feels through the holy sacraments and which he experiences in his worldly life
- d. Working of the Holy spirit is given great importance
- e. **Merge divinity into worldliness**
- f. Importance given to the divine intervention that is beyond human intelligence—this is why easterners feel the divine presence of God through the holy sacraments
- g. Consider spirituality in its social outlook to the general people...

Important Facts

1. Centered on the TRINITY
 - a. Father, Son, Holy Spirit
 - b. We see God's love in the creation of earth and man
 - c. Total submission in the front of this love, and to sing and praise him—this is the real spirituality! Individual prayers are great...but our belief is that God knows what goes on in our lives...He will take care of that, so offer praise to Him.
 - d. Baptized believers receive Holy Spirit
2. Giving importance to the working of the Holy Spirit
 - a. Very important in the lives of people...
 - b. Holy Spirit works with believers and fulfills holy sacraments—mediums of salvation.
 - c. Apostle Paul defined the Christian life as the life in the Holy Spirit
3. Eastern Spirituality is based on sacraments
 - a. These are mediums toward salvation
 - b. By partaking in this, each person becomes a part of the spirituality of Christ
 - c. Transformed into an inseparable part of salvation
 - d. Grows in spirit and into the completeness of Christ
 - e. First one is holy Baptism—being born again
 - i. Removed from clan of Adam, deep in sins, and joins tribe of Jesus—the second Adam...the new generation of humans

- ii. Holy Mooron—rids one of his old sinful self, joins the church, and becomes God’s son or daughter
 - iii. Very important...absorb the meaning of baptism
 - 1. John the Baptist—predecessor to Christ, public ministry, crucifixion, death, resurrection, ascension to heaven, second coming
 - f. HOLY QURBANA is above the limitations of place and time...with this...you basically accept these thoughts:
 - i. John the Baptist—predecessor to Christ, public ministry, crucifixion, death, resurrection, ascension to heaven, second coming
 - ii. The church—body of Christ—and spiritual body—flesh and blood—become one identity...
- 4. Eastern Spirituality is based on worship
 - a. Brings man closer to God
 - b. Without a strong relationship with God, spirituality is incomplete
- 5. Eastern Spirituality stresses the importance of learning theology
 - a. Not confined to rituals and traditions alone
 - b. Equal importance to learning theology
- 6. Conclusion
 - a. Visualizing God is important
 - b. Participation in the incarnation of God is necessary
 - c. Based on theology...and the essence of the sacramental spirituality...
 - d. EQUAL IMPORTANCE to worship and human service

II. Western Spirituality

- a. Consider spirituality and understanding God as two different topics—knowing God based on spirituality is the eastern way of thinking
- b. Separate divine things and worldly things**
- c. Importance given to intellectual thinking and written codes of practice
- d. Consider spirituality as something special to the individual...everyone has their own prayers..etc...

Important Facts

- 1. Centered primarily around Jesus Christ and not the Trinity
- 2. Base your argument on what counters Eastern Spirituality...

Describe the Holy Trinity

Eastern Spirituality is structurally based around this

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Each part of the Holy Trinity has its own will and personality but each is also a part of the other. It is a rather difficult concept to understand for those unfamiliar with Christian doctrine on the term. It is thought of by most as part of the mystery of God.

The holy trinity is mentioned within the Nicene Creed

The belief is that God is of three parts: God the Father, God the Son, as represented by Christ, and God the Holy Spirit. The key element of this belief is that God is at once a single God, but also that each aspect of God is individual.

A BELIEF THAT GOD HAS 3 DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES IS TRUE IN THAT THEY ARE ALL ASPECTS OF THE SAME ENTITTY...This is not polytheism!

Explain what Ecumenism is and what is the biggest achievement of this?

“That all of them may be one, Father just as you are in me and I am in you.”—
Theologians describe this as the prayer of the big priest for the universal church.

1. This verse touched the hearts of those faithful, thus starting the ecumenical movement
2. Originated from Greek work ‘oikoumenikos’—meaning “the whole inhabited world.”
3. The movement, as a result of different Christian Churches joining together is different from anything else:
 - a. Many unique religions accepted different rituals and ways that they once did not accept
4. **Belief and Hope including individual differences in faith, liturgy, and rituals were respected; after all, difference church can still work together in different aspects!—THIS IS WHAT LED TO THE EMERGENCE OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT (THIS THOUGHT PROCESS)**
5. It is not clear who started it or who did...but it is clear that there are various fields of cooperation amongst churches

A few areas where the movement worked in order to allow for cooperation between churches:

1. Translation was definitely a strong point in that many people could assist in the translation of the Bible into various languages
 - British and Bible society of 1084 definitely provided support.
 - From the start, the Bible society allowed for half of its members to be a part of a different denomination—although the program was originally Anglican.
 - 1816—American Bible Society was started
 - Members forgot individual difference and worked as a whole
 - YMCA Organization—Worldwide in nature presently...Started in 1844 (England)
 - YWCA—started in 1872; also spread its branches worldwide...
 - 1895—SCA (Student Christian Association) was started

ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS DID NOT CONSIDER THE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES AMONGST THE CHURCHES, SO THEY ALL RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Important Dates:

1. 1910—International missionary meeting in Edinburgh
2. 1921—international missionary council was established
 - I. Under the council, meetings were held in Jerusalem (1928) and Thambaram (Madras-India) on (1938).
 - II. Urged members to work together for various projects.
3. 1937—representatives from 122 protestant churches took part in a meeting in Edinburgh to discuss the matters of unification in faith and rituals.
4. The meeting held at Utrecht in Netherlands in 1938 decided to form the world council of churches instead of the meeting of just protestant churches.
 - I. William Temple...who became the Archbishop of Canterbury was president of this meeting.
 - II. After this WWII started...and there was a breakdown for 10 years or so.

1. **In 1948, the first world council of churches meeting was held at Amsterdam**
 - a. **Representatives of 147 churches belonging to protestant and eastern churches took part in this**
 - b. **All major churches excepted the Roman Catholic church sent in representatives**

Prayer on council--“We humbly accept that the factions in the church are against the wishes of Jesus Christ. We pray to the abundant grace of God that the number of divided days is reduced and that we are united and led into completeness in the Holy Spirit

So...for the first time in history, an official independent association of churches came into existence. The fact that a meeting of the council was held in New Delhi (1961) is a matter of pride for us!