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- 2- WE BELIEVE IN ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BORN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL AGES.
- 3- LIGHT OF LIGHT; TRUE GOD OF TRUE GOD; BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE; CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER.
- 4- BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE.
- 5- WHO FOR US AND FOR OUR SALVATION DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN. AND WAS INCARNATE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND BECAME MAN.
- 6- HE WAS CRUCIFIED FOR US DURING THE REIGN OF PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED. HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY, ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.
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1- TRULY WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, GOD THE FATHER,
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The below-mentioned verses tell us about the Oneness of God.

- ❖ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Ex. 20:11
- ❖ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deut. 6:4
- ❖ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Isa. 40:26
- ❖ People who do that will be put to shame; such craftsmen are only human beings. Let them all come together and take their stand; they will be brought down to terror and shame. Isa. 44:11
- ❖ I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. Isa. 45:5-6
- ❖ For this is what the LORD says—he who created the heavens, He is God; He who fashioned and made the earth, He founded it; He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—He says: I am the Lord, and there is no other. Isa. 45:18
- ❖ Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. 1 Cor. 8:6
- ❖ One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Eph. 4:6

2- WE BELIEVE IN ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BORN OF THE FATHER
BEFORE ALL AGES.

The below-mentioned verses tell us that Jesus is the Son of God.

- ❖ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Jn. 3:16
- ❖ Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you and your household will be saved. Jn. 16:31
- ❖ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. 1Cor. 8:6
- ❖ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:10-11
- ❖ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. Jn. 20:31

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3- LIGHT OF LIGHT; TRUE GOD OF TRUE GOD; BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE; CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER.

The below-mentioned verses tell us the divinity of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Jn. 1:1
- ❖ I and the Father are one. Jn. 10:30, Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. Jn. 14:9
- ❖ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you. Jn. 16:15
- ❖ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father. Jn. 16:28
- ❖ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Jn. 3:19

4- BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE.

The below-mentioned verses tell us all creations are created by Jesus Christ.

- ❖ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. Jn.1:3
- ❖ Things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; things have been created through him and for him. Coll. 1:16

5- WHO FOR US AND FOR OUR SALVATION DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN. AND WAS INCARNATE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & OF THE VIRGIN MARY, & BECAME MAN.

The below-mentioned verses tell us all are created by Jesus Christ.

- ❖ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isa. 7:14
- ❖ His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Matt. 1:18
- ❖ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law. Gal. 4:4

6- HE WAS CRUCIFIED FOR US DURING THE REIGN OF PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED. HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY, ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.

The below-mentioned verses tell us the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. Matt. 27:24
- ❖ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. Matt. 27:26
- ❖ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Matt. 27:50

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- ❖ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Matt. 27:59-60
- ❖ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Matt. 28:6
- ❖ Why do you look for the living among the dead? Luke. 24:5
- ❖ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 1Cor. 15:20-21

7- HE ASCENDED TO THE HEAVENS, AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF HIS FATHER. HE WILL COME BACK IN HIS GLORY TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD; AND HIS KINGDOM SHALL HAVE NO END.

The below-mentioned verses tell us the ascension and glory of Jesus Christ.

- ❖ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Lk. 24:51
- ❖ And he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end. Lk. 1:33
- ❖ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Jn. 3:13
- ❖ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. Act. 1:9
- ❖ I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God. Act. 7:56
- ❖ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Matt. 16:27
- ❖ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 1Thes. 4:16

8- TRULY WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LIFE-GIVING LORD, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER; WE WORSHIP AND GLORIFY HIM TOGETHER WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO SPEAKS THROUGH THE PROPHETS.

The below-mentioned verses tell us about the Holy-Spirit.

- ❖ Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Mt. 28:19-20
- ❖ When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. Jn. 15:26
- ❖ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Pt. 1:21
- ❖ In heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that testify on earth: 1 Jn. 5:8

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9- WE BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY, UNIVERSAL AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.

The below-mentioned verses tell us about the Holy Church.

- ❖ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Mt. 16:18
- ❖ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. Eph. 5:25
- ❖ If he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglects to hear the church, let him be unto him. Mt. 18:17

10- AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

The below-mentioned verses tell us about Baptism.

- ❖ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mk. 16:16
- ❖ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Jn. 3:5
- ❖ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Act. 2:38
- ❖ One Lord, one faith, one baptism. Eph. 4:5

11- WE AWAIT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

The below-mentioned verses tell us about Baptism.

- ❖ And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Dn. 12:2
- ❖ And shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. Jn. 5:29

12- AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN

The below-mentioned verses tell us about Baptism.

- ❖ And this is life eternal, that they might know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. Jn. 17:3

UNDERSTANDING THE CREED IS HELPFUL TO KNOW THE RELIGION. SO MUCH SO, EVERY ONE OF US SHOULD EXPLAIN PROPERLY OUR IDENTITY AS LONG AS WE KNOW THE MEANING OF THE CREED. ALL ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH MEMBERS SHOULD MEMORIZE THE CREED AS THE DAILY PRAYER.