**Psalters**: 373:3,8,9 - 257:1,2,3 - 233:5,6 - 422:3,4

**Scripture**: 1 Cor. 8:1-6

**Apostolic Creed**

**THERE IS ONE ONLY GOD**

1. **That God is**
* First article: the heart of true religion (Heb. 11:6).
* God *is*. (Ex. 3:13-14).
	+ Eternally the unchangeable One (Mal. 3:6).
* ‘Being’ describes the nature, or essence, or entity of a person (*cf.* Rev. 1:8).
* God is a *spiritual* Being.
	+ Nothing can be compared to Him (Isa. 40:18).
	+ He is a Spirit (Jn. 4:24).
* God is *one only* Being (Isa. 44:6,8).
	+ Nations practised polytheism (Amos 5:26; Acts 7:43).
	+ We are to serve Him alone (Deut. 6:4-5).
	+ God is unique (Isa. 40:25).
* God is a *simple* Being; not comprised of various parts.
* The Scriptural revelation of Who God is should cause us to worship the Lord (Ps. 95:6).

1. **What God is**
* Define attributes: God’s glory manifested in various way.
* In God, His attributes are one.
* Eternal (Heb. 13:8; Ps. 90:2; Isa. 57:15).
* Incomprehensible (Isa. 40:28; Job 11:7-9).
* Invisible (1 Tim. 6:16).
	+ Visible in Christ (Jn. 1:18, 14:9; Col. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; Col. 1:15).
* Immutable (Mal. 3:6).
* Infinite (Isa. 66:1; Acts 7:49; Ps. 139:8; Heb. 12:29).
* Almighty (Gen. 17:1, 35:11).
	+ God can do all things which are not contrary to His Essence.
* Perfectly wise (Isa. 55:8; Rom. 11:33-36).
	+ Contrast the wisdom of this world(1 Cor. 3:19).
	+ True wisdom in the work of salvation in His Son (1 Cor. 1:21,30; 2 Tim. 3:15).
* Just (Heb. 10:31; 12:29).
	+ Fearful.
	+ Comforting: makes salvation possible (1 Jn. 1:9; Isa. 1:27).
* Good (Jam. 1:16-17; Rom. 8:28).

**Application**

* Article 1 is living experiential faith! (Rom. 10:9-10)
* Is this also your confession?