

A CONFESSION OF FAITH

—by Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis—

God is my glory, my wealth, and my boast. God is sweeter and more pleasurable than anything that exists. God is my preoccupation and delight. Through God's inbreathing my soul was created. God formed and made my body. I am entirely an image of God. I am descendent from God, by divine grace. My existence begins from God. My ability to move originates from God. I have received the ability to breathe and to speak from God. To God I commit my soul every day. To God I offer my prayers every hour. In God I live, I work, and I exist. In the great, mighty, and living God, Who is the giver, the helper, and the perfecter of all good things, do I hope. God will be the awesome judge of all my works and actions. I have a merciful and forgiving God. I confess that God is patient and plentiful in mercy. I proclaim that God is my savior, my redeemer, and my Lord. I know God to be the origin and cause of all things. I know God to be the bestower of all good things. I know God is the provider and overseer. I know God to be all-wise and omniscient, Who knows the future, the present, and the past. I praise, glorify, bless, and magnify God, Who is good, holy, righteous, and true. I venerate and worship God, Who is full of compassion. In God I believe, in God I hope, and to Him I entrust the hope of my salvation. It is God, the source of love, Whom I love and desire. To God I offer my soul as a sacrifice. To God I elevate my mind and acquire peace. God is Whom my heart desires.

I confess one God: the Triune Divinity. I proclaim one timeless, eternal, simple, transcendent, and indivisible God. God Who is One and Three. Who is completely One and completely Trinity. I believe and confess God Who is totally One in essence, and Who is totally Triune in hypostasis. For there is one God: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; and there is one power, one composition, one worship: that of the consubstantial Trinity. For one and the same is the nature and substance of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

This is what I believe, what I confess, what I proclaim, and what I profess.