

1 | We Believe

1 TIMOTHY 6:20-21

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What we believe has been **ENTRUSTED** to us...

(6:20a; 1:11)

we must **RECEIVE** it, (v. 20a)

received, not invented 1 Cor 15:3 / 2 Pet 1:16 / John 17:8 / Acts 2:42

believed, not just known James 2:19 / Rom 10:9–10 / John 1:12 / Heb 4:2

GUARD it, (v. 20b)

sustained, not occasional 1 Tim. 4:16 / 2 Tim. 4:2 / Heb. 3:14 / Col. 1:23 / Rev. 2:10

contend, not just defend Jude 3 / 1 Pet. 3:15 / Titus 1:9 / Acts 17:2–3 / 2 Cor. 10:3–5

» and pass it on **FAITHFULLY**. (v. 21)

shared, not shelved 2 Tim. 2:2 / Matt. 28:19–20 / 1 Cor. 15:3 / 2 Tim. 4:2

each of us, and all of us v. 21 1 Pet. 2:9 / Eph. 4:11–16 / Acts 8:1, 4 / 2 Tim. 2:2 / Phil. 1:27

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;

we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;

and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Learn More

Read the Intro & Chapter 1 of “*The Nicene Creed*” by Kevin DeYoung.



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Groups!

Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

Share with the Group:

What's something you can't stop talking about lately? It could be a hobby, show, team, politics, topic? You might think: what don't you need to be asked about to bring it up?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. **Read 1 Timothy 6:20-21.** Looking back at your notes from this week's message, **was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?**
2. Paul describes the Gospel as a **deposit**—something placed in your care that belongs to another (namely to God). How does thinking of your faith as something entrusted rather than something you've built change how you hold it?
 - What does it mean to be a steward of your beliefs rather than the author of them?
3. **Read Jude 3 alongside 2 Timothy 1:13–14.** Both writers use the language of guarding and contending for the faith. What do these passages together say about whether faithfulness to the deposit is active or passive?
 - What does that look like practically in your own life?

(Study Guide continues on back panel...)

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹⁵ He is the **image** of the **invisible** God, the **firstborn** of all **creation**. ¹⁶ For by him all **things** were **created**, in **heaven** and on **earth**, **visible** and **invisible**, whether **thrones** or **dominions** or **rulers** or **authorities**—all

things were **created** through him and for him.

¹⁷ And he is before all

things, and in him all

things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the **head** of

the **body**, the **church**. He

is the **beginning**, the

firstborn from the **dead**,

that in **everything** he

might be **preeminent**.

¹⁹ For in him all the

fullness of God was

pleased to dwell,²⁰ and

through him to **reconcile**

to himself all **things**,

whether on **earth** or in

heaven, **making peace**

by the **blood** of his **cross**.

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- James 2:19** says even the demons *believe*, and shudder. What's the difference between simply *knowing* the content of the gospel and actually *receiving* it?

 - Which is in view when we say, "We believe...?"
 - Is there any part of the deposit you know well but haven't fully trusted?
- Read Acts 8:1 and 8:4**. When persecution scattered the church in Jerusalem, it wasn't the apostles who went everywhere preaching — it was ordinary believers. What does that tell you about whose responsibility it is to pass on the faith?

 - What tends to hold *you* back from doing that?
- This weekend Pastor Josh said that guarding the deposit involves not just defending the truth but actively *promoting* it. **Titus 1:9** says an elder must both instruct in sound doctrine and rebuke those who contradict it.

 - Where do you find it easiest to go quiet about what you believe?
 - What makes contending for the faith feel costly?

Taking It Home

- The charge in **1 Timothy 6:21** ends with "*grace be with you.*" Pastor Josh noted that in the original languages, "**you**" is plural. In other words, it's addressed to the whole church. What would it look like for your Life Group specifically to take that plural seriously—to receive, guard, and pass on the deposit together, not just individually?

 - Get practical with some specific, normal, practical, every day ways.

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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