

The Third Article of the Creed is About God Making Us Holy

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the unity of believers,
the forgiveness of sins, the body coming back to life, and living forever. Amen.*

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

I believe that I cannot bring myself to believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, through my own intellectual and physical powers.

The Holy Spirit has called me by the Good News, used his gifts to reveal the truth to me, made me holy, and kept me in the true faith.

The Holy Spirit also calls, gathers, and reveals the truth to the whole Christian church on earth.

He makes the whole Christian church on earth holy and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Through the Christian church he richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers every day.

On the last day he will bring me and all who have died back to life, and he will give me and all who believe in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true!



THE APOSTLES' CREED

OUR IDENTITY God's Word to the Nations is a mission society—a mission resource for God's people!

OUR MISSION To identify and empower individuals to take *GOD'S WORD*® to the English-speaking people of the world, focusing especially upon those who do not know Jesus as their Savior.

OUR PROMISE TO OUR PARTNERS Our Society will provide you with superb outreach materials. These materials will enable you to be used by the Holy Spirit to support a movement among God's people to be active participants in his mission "*to seek and to save people who are lost*" (Luke 19:10). To this end we promote the biblical outreach strategy: **Become a Seed Planter and Change Lives.™**



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Express Your Faith Using the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the almighty Father, the maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary gave birth to him. He suffered at the hands of Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was placed in a tomb. He went down into hell. He came back to life three days after he died. He went up into heaven and was given the honored position—the one next to God, the almighty Father [at God's right hand]—on the heavenly throne. He will come back from heaven to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the unity of believers, the forgiveness of sins, the body coming back to life, and living forever. Amen.

**A creed, as the word itself implies (Latin: Credo—"I believe"), is simply a statement of what one believes. Every sincere follower of Jesus has a creed whether they admit it or not. A true creed is not an addition to the Bible, but only an emphasis of the truth of the Bible (see 1 Peter 3:15 and Matthew 10:32).*

Although the Apostles' Creed is not part of the Bible, it is an accurate summary of the teachings of the Christian church. The statements in this expression of faith date back to the first centuries of the church.

The First Article of the Creed is About God Creating Us

I believe in God, the almighty Father, the maker of heaven and earth.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

I believe that God has made me and every creature.

He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, all the other parts of my body,
my mind, and all my senses.

He continues to take care of everything he has given me.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home,
spouse and children, property, animals, and everything I have.

Every day he richly provides me with everything I need to live.

God defends me from danger.

He guards and protects me from evil.

He does all of these things because of his fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.
I have done nothing to earn this, and I do not deserve this.

Therefore, it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey him.

This is most certainly true!

The Second Article of the Creed is About God Reclaiming Us

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary gave birth to him. He suffered at the hands of Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was placed in a tomb. He went down into hell. He came back to life three days after he died. He went up into heaven and was given the honored position—the one next to God, the almighty Father [at God's right hand]—on the heavenly throne. He will come back from heaven to judge the living and the dead.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

I believe that Jesus Christ is really God, the only Son of the Father from eternity,
and really human, the son of the virgin Mary.

Jesus Christ is my Lord.

He has reclaimed me because I was a lost and condemned creature.

He has set me free from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.

He did not use gold or silver to gain my release, but he used his holy,
precious blood,

and his innocent suffering and death.

He did this so I would be his own and serve him in his kingdom. Since he has
declared me innocent and I have his approval [righteousness] and blessing,

I can serve him forever.

He came back from the dead, and he lives and rules throughout all eternity.

This is most certainly true!

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