

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe** in God, the Father Almighty (Matt. 6:9),  
Creator of heaven and earth (Gen. 1–2).

And [**I believe**] in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son Our Lord (Rom. 1:3–4; 10:9).

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary (Matt. 1:18–25).

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the *dead* [*hades*] (Matt. 27:11–56; Lk. 23:26–56).

On the third day He rose again from the dead (Matt. 29:1–20).  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father (Acts 1:1–11).  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead (Matt. 25:31–46).

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit (John 14:25–27),  
the holy *catholic* [*universal*] church (1 Cor. 12:4–31),  
the communion of saints (Eph. 4:11–16),  
the forgiveness of sins (2 Cor. 5:18–21),  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting (1 Cor. 15).

**Amen.**

- 1. It elevates Scripture to its rightful place**
  
- 2. It reminds us that doctrine is essential for spiritual health**
  
- 3. It reminds us that we can't act as though 2,000 years never happened**
  
- 4. It reminds us that the Christian faith is confessional**
  
- 5. It declares that God is triune**
  
- 6. It establishes a biblical view of reality**
  
- 7. It affirms the person and work of Christ**
  
- 8. It stresses the communal nature of the Christian faith**
  
- 9. It celebrates the gospel**
  
- 10. It projects us beyond present, personal experience**