



## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Brief review of last week

- The Apostles' Creed is arguably the oldest, comprehensive creed in Christianity.
- The Apostles' Creed is agreed upon by every Christian denomination (i.e., Catholics and Protestants).
- Everybody believes in something. Everyone has a creed they live by. What you believe shapes you and determines the way to understand the world and the people around you.

### Today's focus

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**Everything Jesus did, He did for YOUR benefit.**

**1. Conceived by the Holy Spirit . . . \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus . . . is the High Priest that meets our needs. He is holy; he has no fault or sin in him; he has been set apart from sinners . . .* Hebrews 7:26 (TEV)

Consider this:

Scientists have already cloned more than 20 types of mammals.  
Parthenogenesis, asexual conception without fertilization  
from a male of the species, occurs naturally in nature.

**2. Born of the Virgin Mary . . . \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born for you; he is Christ the Lord.* Luke 2:11 (NIV)

- Jesus came, conceived by the Holy Spirit, in order that He may come as \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus came, born through the Virgin Mary, in order that He may also be \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Suffered under Pontius Pilate . . . to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*He took our suffering on him and felt our pain for us . . . But he was wounded for the wrong we did; he was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to him, and we are healed because of his wounds.* Isaiah 53:4–5 (NCV)

**4. Crucified, dead and buried . . .**

**to make me \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Now God has made you his friends again. He did this through Christ's death in the body so that he might bring you into God's presence as people who are holy, with no wrong, and with nothing of which God can judge you guilty.* Colossians 1:22 (NCV)

The biblical word for being made "acceptable to God" is

\_\_\_\_\_.

It is \_\_\_\_\_ never sinned.