



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 did not write the Creed themselves. The Creed is based on the teachings that Jesus taught the Apostles.
- 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.

We began by examining the first line of the Creed:

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

Two reasons why some people reject a belief in God:

- **They claim that a belief in God and science is incompatible.**
 - Most Christians believe that a belief in God and the acceptance of scientific discoveries go hand in hand.
 - Science only answers the "HOW" questions, but Christianity answers "WHO" and "WHY."
- **They have a false image of who God really is.**
 - "I don't believe in a god who . . ."

Last week, we examined the first part of the statements of the Creed that relate to Jesus:

And [I believe] 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;

Everything Jesus did, He did for YOUR benefit.

1. **Conceived by the Holy Spirit . . .** _____.
2. **Born of the Virgin Mary . . .** _____.
3. **Suffered under Pontius Pilate . . .** _____.
4. **Crucified, dead and buried . . .**
 to make me _____.

Justified = “ _____ ” never sinned.

The Apostles’ Creed goes on to say . . .

5. **The third day he rose from the dead . . .**

_____.

And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins.

I Corinthians 15:17 (NLT)

6. **He ascended into heaven . . .** _____.

The Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Holy Spirit to take my place.

John 14:26 (CEV)

7. **Jesus sits at the right hand of God . . .** _____.

Who would dare to accuse us, whom God has chosen? The judge himself has declared us free from sin. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us!

Romans 8:34 (PHILLIPS)

And in the same way—by our faith—the Holy Spirit helps us with our daily problems and in our praying. For we don’t even know what we should pray for nor how to pray as we should, but the Holy Spirit prays for us with such feeling that it cannot be expressed in words.

Romans 8:26 (LB)

8. **Jesus will come again . . . to establish _____
that shall _____.**

Jesus, the One who says these things are true, says, “Yes, I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20 (NCV)