



Calling deserters back to the gospel
Mark 14:72

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

We Believe in God & His Gospel.

Hear ☼

*The Creed is Provided
on the Back Page*

We are going to spend several weeks on the Apostles' Creed, and the first order of business is to start memorizing it together. We typically hate the idea of memorization, because it seems like the opposite of understanding. Let's try to start thinking of it differently together. We will work on understanding its meaning and significance over the next several weeks, and we should think of memorizing as an introduction and familiarity with the content to be understood. Memorizing the Creed will give us a chance to carry it around in our "pockets" for consideration and discussion as we "walk by the way." You will find it on the back; read it together at least once a day, and see if you can memorize it together by the end of the week. Families with young worshippers may find it helpful to say one line at a time to be repeated back.

Love ☼

Did you notice the Creed's Structure? It has three main "articles" arranged around the persons of the Trinity.

Do you think it's an important arrangement? Why do you think the Creed is arranged this way?

Which article is the longest?

Why do you think that this might be the longest article in the Creed?

Proclaim ☼

If we think of the Apostles' Creed as a summary of the gospel (and we should), then it is shorthand for the good news that we need to believe and proclaim to one another. What statements in the Creed are particularly appropriate good news for you this week? What statements do you need to proclaim to your friends and family this week?



What do you think of the Creed? Is it still important to memorize and say this Creed even before you understand what each line means? We say the Creed together almost every other week of our gathered worship. Why do you think we would give the Creed this kind of repeated attention?

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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