

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed reads as below:

**I believe in 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, buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven to sit on the right Hand of the Father Almighty. From thence shall He come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

Many churches (Lutheran, Catholic, Episcopal, for example) use the Apostles' Creed during worship services to profess (announce) their personal belief in the Trinity as taught in the Bible, the Word of God. However, other churches (Baptists and Assembly of God, for example) refuse to use this Creed, as they believe that creeds are man-made statements of faith and they prefer to use the Bible only to profess their faith.

We call the creed as the Apostles' Creed because it is a short statement (summary) of the teachings, or doctrines, of the Apostles as found in the Bible. The main question on how the Apostles' Creed came into its being was that the synod of Milan (Italy) in the year of 390 AD wrote a letter to Pope Siricius with this creed and later drafted by St. Ambrose, who was one of the early signatories. Early Christians used the Apostles' Creed with a strong belief that the Twelve Apostles agreed on a specific creed to proclaim (announce) the Christian faith in the Trinity shortly before they went onto all the ends of the world. It was very important for them to be united on one creed in order to prevent heresy (false teachings against the Word of God).

To help us to understand that the Apostles' Creed is not a man-made announcement as a whole, but actually a true Christian statement of faith, it

is necessary for us to know which verses support each statement of the Apostles' Creed, which breaks into three main parts: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The first part: The Father

I believe in God – Romans 10:14, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:1, Psalm 31:14, Psalm 37:5, James 2:19

the Father – John 20:17, Malachi 2:10, Galatians 3:26, Ephesians 3:14-15

Almighty Maker – Genesis 1:1, Hebrews 11:3

heaven and earth – Colossians 1:16

The second part: The Son

Jesus – Matthew 1:21, Acts 4:12

Christ – Psalm 45:7, Acts 10:38, John 3:34

His only Son – Matthew 17:5, Matthew 9:6, I Timothy 2:5, John 1:14, Isaiah 9:6, I John 1:7, Galatians 4:4-5, John 1:17-18, Luke 10:16

our Lord – John 20:28, John 1:1,2, John 21:17, Hebrews 1:6, Matthew 28:18, John 18:36-37, II Timothy 4:18

conceived by the Holy Spirit – Luke 1:35, Matthew 1:20

born of the virgin Mary – Matthew 1:18, Isaiah 7:14, Luke 2:7

suffered under Pontius Pilate (Roman governor of Israel) – John 19:1-3, John 19:16-18

was crucified – John 19:16-18, Psalm 22:608, 14-16, Psalm 69:17-21

died – Matthew 28:50, Mark 15:37, 46, John 19:30

buried – Matthew 27:57-59, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56, John 19:38-42

descended into hell – I Peter 3:18, 19

on the third day arose from the dead – Acts 10:40-41, I Corinthians 15:4-8, Acts 1:3, Matthew 27:62-66, Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20 and 21

ascended into heaven – Luke 24:50, Acts 1:9-11, Ephesians 4:10, John 14:3

to sit at the right Hand of the Father Almighty – means reign over everything in heaven and earth in the same power of the Father Almighty – Ephesians 1:20-23, Ephesians 4:10-12, Luke 10:16, Romans 8:34, Matthew 22:44, Psalm 110:1

from thence (heaven) He will come – Acts 1:11, Revelation 1:7, Matthew 25:31, II Peter 3:10, Matthew 24:27

to judge the quick (alive) and the dead – Acts 10:42, Acts 17:31, John 12:48, Matthew 25:31-46

The third part: The Holy Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit – Matthew 28:19, I Corinthians 2:10, I Corinthinas 3:16, Acts 5:3-4, Psalm 139:7-10, Titus 3:5, I Peter 4:14

the holy Christian Church, the communion (fellowship, unity) of saints (God's children, believers) – Ephesians 2:19-22, Romans 12:4-5, II Timothy 2:19, Matthew 16:18, Colossians 1:18, I Corinthians 3:11

the forgiveness of sins – Psalm 103:2-3, Psalm 130:3-4, II Corinthians 3:19, II Corinthians 5:21, Romans 8:33, Romans 4:5, Romans 3:22-24, Ephesians 1:7-8, I John 2:2, Luke 24:47, II Timothy 1:12, Acts 10:43, Acts 4:12, Matthew 9:2, Revelation 1:5-6

the resurrection of the body – John 5:28-29, Philippians 3:21, I Corinthians 15:51-52, John 5:28-29, Luke 16:23-24, Matthew 7:13, Luke 16:19-31, Luke 12:47-48

the life everlasting (forever)– Luke 23:43, I John 3:2, Psalm 16:11, Romans 8:18, John 3:16, Matthew 24:13, John 3:36, Ephesians 1:3-6, Romans 8:28-30 John 10:27-28