

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
(he descended into hell).
On the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God, the
Father Almighty,
from whence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

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

The Creeds of the Church

Session 1—Introduction: The Apostles' Creed

I. Introduction

A. What is a “creed”?

B. Why are creeds important?

1. Creeds provide clarity of doctrine.
2. Creeds provide boundaries for our speculation.
3. Creeds provide links to previous ages of the Church.

C. The authority of the creeds

2. What it says about God the Son

II. The Apostles' Creed

A. Its history

1. The legend

3. What it says about God the Spirit

2. The (known) history

4. What it says about other important matters

B. Its text

1. What it says about God the Father