

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed is a marvelous summary of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. Many versions exist in English—here is one used by many churches. The second page of this file contains the creed with Biblical references.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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.**

The Apostles' Creed most likely originated to counter the heresy of Gnosticism (the belief that Jesus was never fully human), but soon became a central doctrine of the Church. The exact date of its origin is unknown, however it is at least as old as the 3rd or 4th century A.D.

The references below show the Biblical basis of the Apostles' Creed. These by no means form a definitive list of references, but serve as good places to "get into" God's Word.

I believe in God, the Father almighty (*Isaiah 44:6; 45:5*),
Creator of heaven and earth (*Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:15*).

I believe in Jesus Christ (*Luke 2:11; John 20:28*), **His only Son** (*John 3:16*), **our Lord** (*John 20:28*),
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit (*Luke 1:35*),
and born of the Virgin Mary (*Luke 1:27*).
He suffered under Pontius Pilate (*Luke 23:23-25*),
was crucified (*John 19:20; Acts 4:10*), **died** (*1 Corinthians 15:3*), **and was buried** (*1 Corinthians 15:4*).
He descended to the dead (*1 Peter 3:18; Luke 23:43*).
On the third day He rose again (*1 Corinthians 15:4; Matthew 28:1, 5-10*).
He ascended into heaven (*Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:11*),
and is seated at the right hand of the Father (*Mark 16:19; Hebrews 1:3*).
He will come again to judge the living and the dead (*2 Timothy 4:1; John 5:22*).

I believe in the Holy Spirit (*John 15:26; 16:7-8, 13-14; Acts 13:2*),
the holy universal Church (*Galatians 3:26-29*),
the communion of saints (*Revelation 19:14; Hebrews 10:25*),
the forgiveness of sins (*Luke 7:48*),
the resurrection of the body (*1 Thessalonians 4:16; John 6:39*),
and the life everlasting (*John 10:28; 17:2-3*).
Amen.