

## X. The forgiveness of sins.

1. Read **I John 1:7** and **I John 2:1-2** to know what happens when a Christian falls into sin.
2. Read **Romans 7:21-25** to see that a baptized Christian must fight against the sinful human nature / the old adam.
3. Read **Romans 3:21-28, Galatians 2:15-16** and **Hebrews 11** where we learn that we are justified through faith by God's grace and not by our works.
4. Read **Micah 7:18-19** to understand how our forgiveness was planned hundreds of years before the birth of Christ.

## XI. The resurrection of the body.

1. Read **Luke 16:19-31** in which Jesus explains some details of life after death.
2. Read **Philippians 1:21-24** to know how Paul felt about life and death.
3. Read **Revelation 20:11-15** about the Last Day
4. Read **I John 3:1-3** to help you grasp the great difference between Christian and non-Christian thought.
5. Read **I Corinthians 2:6-9** to help you understand what is in store for the Christian.

## XII. And the Life everlasting. Amen.

1. Read **II Corinthians 5:1-6** to better understand our heavenly home.
2. Read **Revelation 22** and try to picture with your finite mind what is in store for us.
3. Read **Matthew 6:9-13** where Jesus instructs His disciples how to pray.
4. Read **II Corinthians 1:8-20** and **Revelation 22:21-22** to see how the word "Amen" is used.

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## “The Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds – The Truth about the Trinity”

-The Ecumenical Creeds as Summaries About Who God Is,  
Versus False Religions and Cults-

### **Part 1 - A Bible Study of the Apostles' Creed**

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#### **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,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

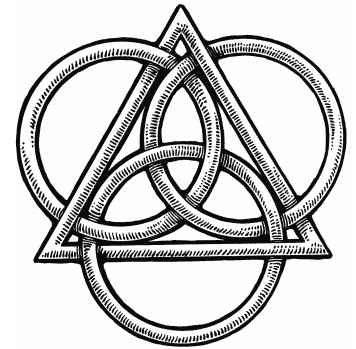
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian (catholic) Church,  
the communions of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

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

1. Read the story of creation as it is recorded in **Genesis 1 and 2**.
2. Read what God says to the Israelites in **Isaiah 40:6-31**.
3. Read how God answers the doubts of a child of God in **Job 38-41**.
4. Read how God considers those who do not worship Him as Creator in **Romans 1:18-25**.

#### **II. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord.**

1. Read how Jesus' birth was foretold in **Luke 1:26-38** and then the actual incarnation in **Luke 2:1-20**.



2. Read how Jesus explains His oneness with God the Father in **John 20:17, 28-29**.

3. Read **Romans 8:1-4** to see the relationship between God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

4. Read **John 1:1-5** to see the divine and eternal attributes of Jesus.

### **III. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.**

1. Read what the gospel of Matthew adds to Luke's story of the conception of Jesus in **Matthew 1:18-25**.

2. Read in **Hebrews 4:14-15 and Luke 2:41-52** how Jesus still had His divine nature even as He lived on earth.

3. Read **Isaiah 9:6-7 and Isaiah 7:13-14** and compare the Old Testament prophecy of Christ's birth with the New Testament revelation in **Luke 1:26-38**

4. Read **Jude verses 17-23** to see what influence the Holy Spirit has in the Christians' lives.

### **IV. Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried,**

1. Read the story of the arrest, trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus in John, 18 and 19.

2. Read **Matthew 26:52-54** to find the reason why Jesus didn't fight back.

3. Read **Hebrews 2:14-17** to understand why Jesus had to die.

4. Read in **Matthew 27:45-46 and Luke 22:39-44** how Jesus suffered the pangs of hell as the Father totally deserted Him.

### **V. He descended into hell, The third day He rose again from the dead.**

1. His descent into hell to proclaim victory over sin, death and hell

**Eph. 4:7-10; 1 Peter 3:18-21**

2. Read the story of Jesus' resurrection in **John 20**.

3. Read how the Apostle Paul explains the resurrection in **I Corinthians 15**.

4. Read how the Christians will be made alive in Christ in **Ephesians 2:1-7**.

5. Read what your reward will be when you are resurrected as Paul relates in **Colossians 3:1-4**.

### **VI. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

1. Read the ascension story as it is related in the **Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1:1-11**.

2. Read that Christ is in heaven for our interest and benefit in **Hebrews 9:24-28**.

3. Read **Hebrews 4:14-16** to find out why we should have a confident attitude and live a grateful life.

4. Read **I John 2:1** to understand what Jesus is doing in heaven.

5. Read **Ephesians 2:1-9** to see how our eternal life with Christ is a gift of grace and cannot be earned.

### **VII. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

1. Read **Philippians 3** to see what the goal of every Christian should be.

2. Read **Titus 2** to see how the Christian should live while we are waiting for Jesus Christ to return.

3. Read **I Thessalonians 4:13-18** to see what the Scripture says about Jesus' return.

4. Read the parables that Jesus relates in **Matthew 25**.

5. Read **II Thessalonians 1:3-10** to learn about God's justice.

### **VIII. I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

1. Read **Galatians 4:4-7** again to see how the Spirit has changed slaves of sin into children of God.

2. Read **II Corinthians 1:20-22** which shows what methods God uses to help His children stand firm in their faith.

3. Read **Ephesians 1:13-14** to see how God fulfills our call to faith through the operation of the Holy Spirit.

4. Read **I Peter 1:1-2** to see how God chooses His own.

### **IX. I believe in the holy Christian (catholic) Church the communion of saints.**

1. Read **Genesis 26:1-6** to see when the catholic, or universal, church was first prophesied?

2. Read **Acts 10** where we learn that Jesus Christ is Lord of all and non-Jews can also become part of the Kingdom of God.

3. Read **I Corinthians 12** to understand that the church of Jesus Christ is one body but has many parts.

4. Read **Ephesians 4:1-16** and learn how the body of Christ grows and builds itself up in love.