

“ I BELIEVE ”

a teaching on the

Apostles' Creed

- **Today is Part 8 of The Apostles' Creed.**

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I. WHAT IS THE APOSTLES' CREED?

- **The word, “Creed” means “I Believe.”**
- **The Old Roman Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Apostles’ Creed.**
- **The Apostles’ Creed kept the early church on track and free from doctrinal error and formed them in Christ. The Creed was their “truth filter.” It was also known as “the rule of faith.”**

The Apostles' Creed dates to the year 390 AD. It is a revision of the Old Roman Creed written in 140 AD.

The Apostles' Creed is the non-negotiable doctrines and tenets of our Christian faith! They need to be taught and affirmed! Its purpose is to draw you closer to Christ!

The Apostles' Creed is 3-parts:

- **The Father God.**
- **The Son, JESUS Christ.**
- **The Holy Spirit.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again
from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father
Almighty,

**whence He shall come to judge
the living and the dead. I
believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy catholic [universal] church,
the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen.**

II. WHY TEACH THE APOSTLES' CREED?

1 Timothy 4:1 ESV

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons.”

We're living in an age of deception. What's very interesting is that every time the Bible talks about the coming of the Lord, it is paralleled with a conversation about deception. At the time of JESUS' return, deception will be at an all-time, high world-wide.

Hosea 4:6 ESV

**“My people are destroyed
for lack of knowledge...”**

Psalm 11:3 ESV

“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

III. I BELIEVE JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN.



Acts 1:3 ESV

“He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God.”

2 Corinthians 13:1 ESV

“This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.”

The facts of every case must be established by the testimony of 2 or 3 witnesses. The ascension is recorded in Mark, Luke, & Acts.

The Gospels of Mark and Luke, along with the book of Acts, record that Jesus physically ascended into Heaven. Just before He left, He told His disciples and His followers to wait in Jerusalem for the

empowering gift of the Holy Spirit. He then gave all of us the Great Commission - to make sharing the Gospel a way of life.

John 16:7 ESV

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”

- **Mark 16:14-20**
- **Luke 24:49-53**
- **Acts 1:6-11**
- **Matthew 28:16-20**

Mark:

V. 15 - World "Kosmos." Invade every world system. Education system, judicial system, political system, sports system, entertainment system, marketplace (business) system, etc.

V. 17 - You must be believing for the signs to follow. You must be actively engaging your faith.

**V. 18 - Divine protection both
spiritually and physically.**

Luke:

**Behold - Wonder and amazement.
“Wow! What I’m about to tell you is so
amazing that it nearly leaves me
speechless! Listen to this!”**

Acts:

Power - Dunamis. Dynamite. Explosive power that produces unparalleled results. The full force of an advancing army. The force of nature like a tornado, an earthquake, or a hurricane.

Matthew:

The Great Commission was given the day of His ascension.

Go therefore - Go and keep on going. The Great Commission is to be a way of life, not just for 1 or 2 mission trips.

Lo, I am with you...The "lo" is for those who will "go."

It's in the going that the power of the Holy Spirit is triggered, and its release is experienced.

When we get our minds off of ourselves and focused on others, that's when the power of God is released.

Believing in Jesus' ascension does several transformative things for believers. It reinforces the truth of His divinity, secures the promise of His return, assures us of our spiritual empowerment through the Holy Spirit, and gives us a vision of our future hope in Christ.

The ascension encourages us to participate in God's mission, strengthens our faith in His reign, and invites us into deeper communion with Him, all while reminding us of the ultimate victory that we share with Him over sin, death, and evil.

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