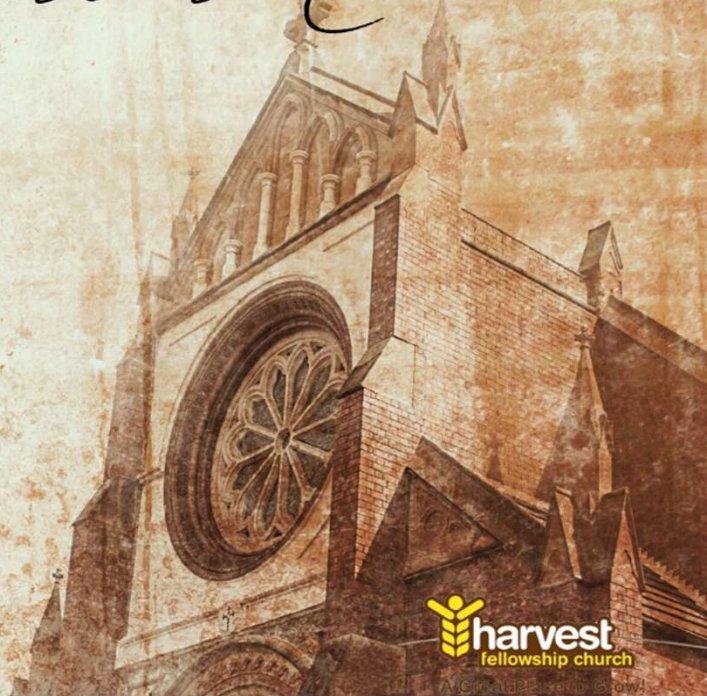


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- **Today is Part 9 of The Apostles' Creed.**
- **Turn to Hebrews 4:14-16.**



# I. WHAT IS THE APOSTLES' CREED?

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- **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!**

**Symmetry** - Correct proportions.  
Shapes us into Christ's image.

**Clarity** - Doctrines & teachings of the  
Word of God.

**Community** - We need others.

**Counsel** - Gives us a Biblical  
worldview. Gives us our lens to view  
the world through.

\*The moon (Apostles' Creed) get it's  
light from the sun (Word of God).

## **The Apostles' Creed is 3-parts:**

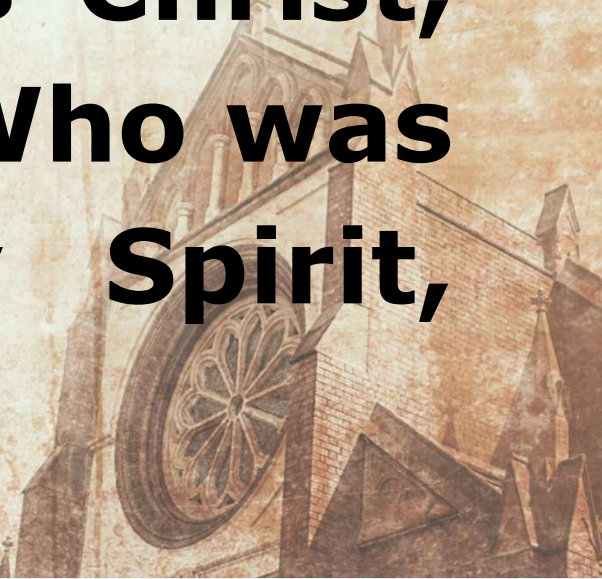
- **The Father God.**
- **The Son, JESUS Christ.**
- **The Holy Spirit.**



*Apostles' Creed*

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**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  
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# II. WHY TEACH THE APOSTLES' CREED?

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# 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..."**



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# Psalm 11:3 ESV

**"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"**





**III. I BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST  
SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF  
GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY.**

**\*The right hand is a place of  
honor, power, and authority.**





**After JESUS accomplished His work on the Cross and was raised from the dead, God the Father seated Him at His right hand in Heaven. He now serves as our Great High Priest, ever interceding in prayer on our behalf to God. The Holy Spirit invites us to fearlessly and confidently approach the Father any time and freely speak what is on our heart.**



**Again and again, this truth is repeated throughout Scripture, including the Books of Acts, Romans, Colossians, and Hebrews. The truth that JESUS sits at the right hand of the Father is unquestionably one of the most important beliefs of the Christian faith as it points to JESUS' present-day ministry to all believers.**



# The right hand of God Scriptures:

**Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 10:12; 1 Peter 3:22**





## Hebrews 7:24-25 ESV

**24 "But He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. 25 Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."**





## Hebrews 8:6 ESV

**“But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant He mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.”**



**Hebrews 4:14-16 NKJV**

**Jesus the Great High Priest**

**14 "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all**



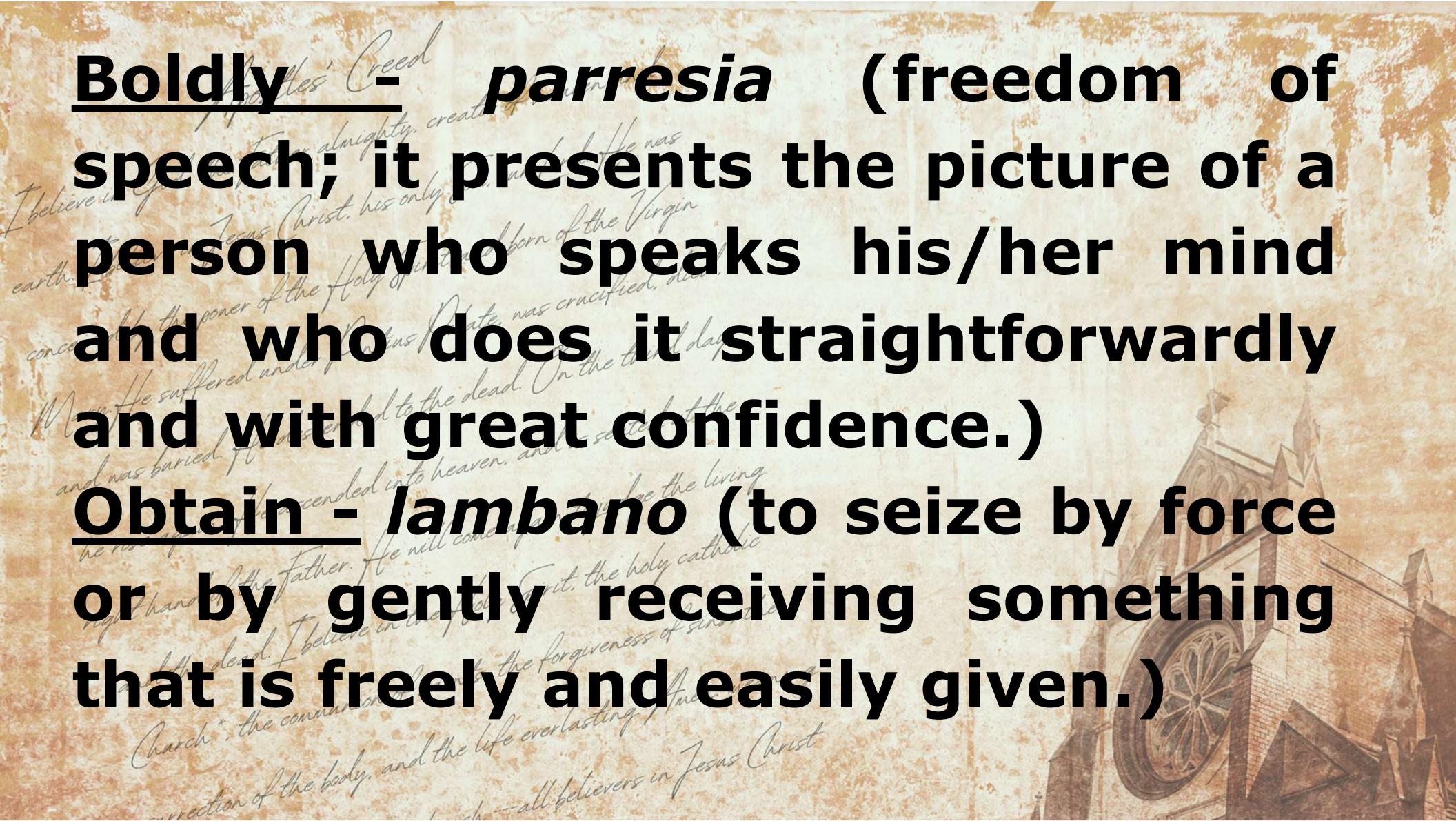
**points tempted as we are, yet  
without sin. 16 Let us  
therefore come boldly to the  
throne of grace, that we may  
obtain mercy and find grace to  
help in time of need.”**





**Boldly - *parresia*** (freedom of speech; it presents the picture of a person who speaks his/her mind and who does it straightforwardly and with great confidence.)

**Obtain - *lambano*** (to seize by force or by gently receiving something that is freely and easily given.)





**Find - Heurisko** (an intense investigation, scientific study, or scholarly research.)

**Help - Boetheia** (a military connotation to help a fellow soldier back to a place of safety and protection.)



The acronym "**GRACE**" captures the essence of **Hebrews 4:14-16**:

- **Great High Priest**
- **Relatable in Our Weaknesses**
- **Access to God**
- **Confidence in God's Mercy and Grace**
- **Eternal Assurance**





**Great High Priest (v. 14) - The Book of Hebrews tells us Jesus is superior to Angels; He is superior to Moses; He is superior to the Law; He is the superior sacrifice; He is the Great High Priest! He surpasses all other priests in His perfection, divinity, and sacrifice. He is the one who mediates between God and humanity.**



**As our Great High Priest, He has made the ultimate and final sacrifice for our sins. Jesus is uniquely qualified because He is both fully God and fully man, offering a perfect, eternal mediation. Jesus is the perfect mediator!**



## **Relatable in Our Weaknesses (v. 15) -**

**Jesus, as the Great High Priest, relates to our struggles and weaknesses. He has faced every form of temptation and yet remained sinless. This is a great comfort: we do not have a distant, unfeeling mediator, but one who understands exactly what we face. Jesus empathizes with us!**



**Access to God (v. 16) - Through Jesus, we have direct access to God's presence. The veil is torn, and believers can approach God's throne boldly because of Jesus' completed work. We no longer need to fear or shrink back in guilt but can come confidently, knowing we will receive mercy and grace. We can approach God's throne with confidence!**



**Confidence in God's Mercy and Grace (v. 16) - Jesus' work as our High Priest enables us to receive mercy and grace when we need it most, especially in moments of failure, weakness, or temptation. This confidence doesn't depend on our performance but on God's unchanging character and His willingness to give us what we need. We receive help in our time of need!**

**Eternal Assurance - Jesus' role as the Great High Priest is eternal and everlasting. Unlike the temporary priests of the Old Covenant, His priesthood is forever, and His intercession for us is ongoing in Heaven (Hebrews 7:25).**



**Eternal assurance means that believers can always count on Jesus' perfect work to cover their sins, provide ongoing help, and guarantee their relationship with God.**

## Ephesians 2:6-7 ESV

**6 "And raised us up with Him  
and seated us with Him in the  
heavenly places in Christ Jesus,  
7 so that in the coming ages He  
might show the immeasurable  
riches of His grace in kindness  
toward us in Christ Jesus."**



**Through Christ, we receive grace to live confidently in God's presence, assured that He understands our struggles and continually offers mercy and grace in our time of need.**

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