

THE APOSTLES' CREED

based on theological formulas current around A.D. 100, though present form probably appeared in 6th or 7th century

Creator of everything in universe

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

"Anointed One," Messiah (Luke 4:16-21; Mark 8:29)

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

one to whom we owe allegiance

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*

Jesus experienced pain and death as we do.

Jesus is both human and divine

the third day he rose from the dead;

God won! Reason for Christian hope

Jesus the risen Christ lives with the Eternal God.

he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the (quick) and the dead.

The future belongs to God.

the living

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic ^{**} church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The family of all people, past, present, and future, who do God's will.

See 1 Corinthians 15.

Life after death.
We don't know what it's like.
We trust God in life and death. See Romans 14:8.

* Traditional use includes the words, "He descended into hell."

** means universal