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Tuesday Bible Study: February 8, 2022 – Apostles' Creed

Historic Creeds of the Church: Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian

Opening Prayer: O eternal Light, shine into our hearts. O eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil. O eternal Power, be our support. Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Grant unto us that with all our hearts, and minds, and strength, we may evermore seek Your face; and finally bring us, in Your infinite mercy, to Your Holy presence. So strengthen our weakness that, following in the footsteps of Your blessed Son, we may obtain Your mercy and enter into Your promised joy. Amen.

(Alcuin of York, 735-804)

The Lord Will Answer: A Daily Prayer Catechism (Drawn from Holy Scripture, the Church Fathers, and Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation); Concordia Publishing House.

The Apostles' Creed, according to legend, was composed by the Apostles on the tenth day after the Ascension under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit ... it was effectively exposed legendary by Lorenzo Vallo and subsequent scholars. ...

The ancestry of the Apostles' Creed can be traced to a creed that developed at Rome about the end of the second century. The origin of this creed is not clear; but its early form is likely preserved [*in the texts of the following early creeds*]:

Interrogatory Creed of Hippolytus (c. 215)

Creed of Marcellus (c. 340)

Creed of Rufinus (Aquileia) (c. 404)

Creeds of the Churches: A Reader in Christian Doctrine from the Bible to the Present, edited by John H. Leith, Third Edition; John Knox Press, 1982.

Why is it called the Apostles' Creed?

It is called the Apostles' Creed, not because it was written by the apostles' themselves, but because it states briefly the doctrine (teaching) that God gave through the apostles in the Bible. The Creed is trinitarian, because the Scriptures reveal God as triune. Christians are baptized in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19).

Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation; Concordia Publishing House.

Apostles' Creed with Biblical References

Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation; Concordia Publishing House.

Rose Book of Bible Charts: Volume 3; Rose Publishing, 2014.

I believe in God,

Ps. 31:14; Is. 44:6

the Father almighty,

Matt. 3:17; John 20:17; Mal. 2:10

creator of heaven and earth.

Gen. 1:1; Ps. 33:6, 9; Heb. 11:3; Col. 1:16

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,

Matt. 1:21; John 17:3; John 3:36

our Lord.

John 20:28; Rom. 10:9; Philip. 2:9-11

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:20; Is. 7:14; Luke 2:7

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

John 19:1-3; Luke 23:23-25

was crucified, died, and was buried.

John 19:16-18; Matt. 27:46; John 19:19-30; (Mark 15:1-41); 1 Cor. 15:3-4

He descended into hell.

1 Peter 3:18-19

On the third day he rose again.

Acts 10:40-41; 1 Cor. 15:4-8; Acts 3:1

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Luke 24:51; Eph. 4:10; Eph. 1:20-23; Rom. 8:34; Ps. 110:1

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Acts 1:11; 2 Tim. 4:1; John 5:22; Matt. 25:31-32; 2 Cor. 5:10

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

Gen. 1:2; John 15:26; John 16:7-14; Titus 3:5

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

Eph. 2:19-22; Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:41,47; Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 4:3-6; Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:25-27;

1 Pet. 2:5

the forgiveness of sins,

Ps. 130:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:19; Ps. 85:15; John 3:16; Eph. 1:7; 1 John 2:2; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 3:22-24;

Rom. 4:25; Luke 24:47; Rom. 1:16; 2 Cor. 5:19

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Job 19:25-27; John 5:28-29; 1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:42-43; John 10:27-28