

I BELIEVE

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I Believe in God the Father

SUMMARY:

In this series we will be journeying through the Apostles' Creed. This is an ancient statement of faith which goes through the essential truths of Christianity. It is a map that leads us home.

This week we are focused on "I believe in God the Father..." Salvation is an invitation to participate in the life of the triune God. We are chosen by God the Father, redeemed by God the Son, and sealed by God the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Before going through the questions, take some time to read the Apostles' Creed in its entirety. Have you heard or read this creed before? What stands out to you?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,

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

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4.

- According to verse 3, what has God given us?
- What is a godly life?
- Why does God desire for us to live a godly life?

Read Ephesians 1:3-5.

- What is adoption?
- How does God feel about us?
- How does being chosen make you feel? How might someone you know benefit by knowing this truth?

Read Ephesians 1:6-10.

- How was our freedom secured?
- Recall the illustration Pastor Derwin shared with the red paint. Knowing that your sins have been covered by the blood of Jesus, how does this change the way you view yourself? How does this change the way you live?

Read Ephesians 1:13-14.

- According to these verses, what role does the Holy Spirit fulfill in our salvation?
- According to these verses, when do we receive the Holy Spirit?
- How can you intentionally daily connect with the Holy Spirit?

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ACTION STEP: Pray and engage with TC this Fall.