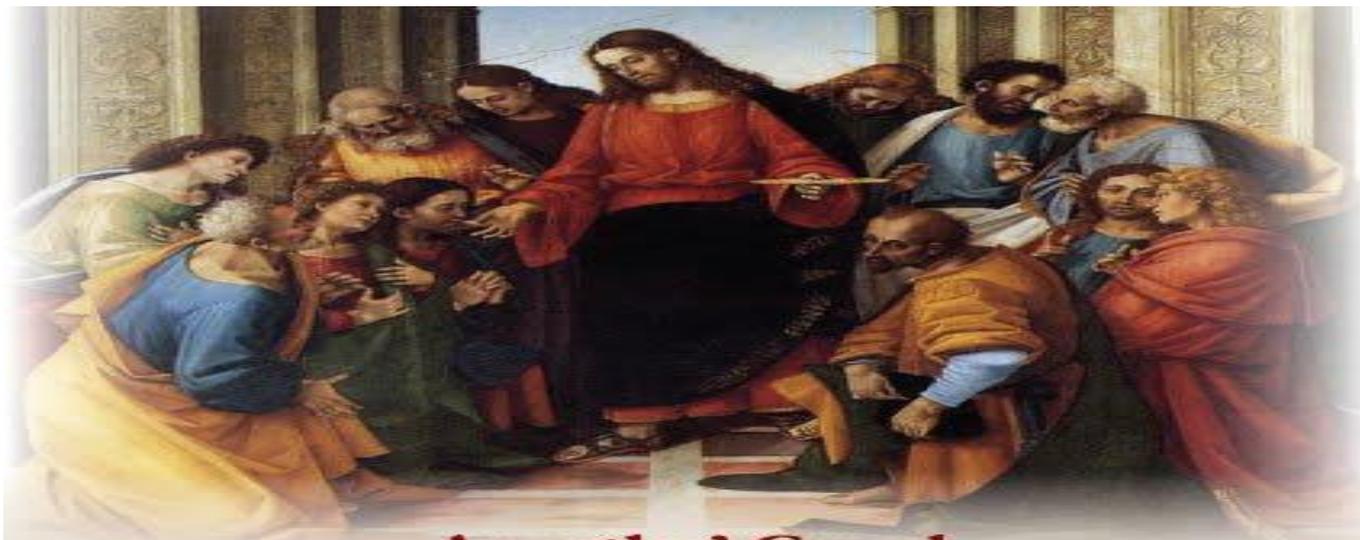


APOSTLES CREED ARTICLES 1-2-3



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and 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 into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

WHAT IS FAITH ?

- Faith is a process. It involves growth, change, and development. This means you
- do not stay in the same place. With God's help, you will choose new ways, you'll
- discover new things and you will grow in wisdom and understanding.

WHAT IS FAITH ?

- Faith is, indeed, a form of knowledge. It is reasonable knowledge because we know from reason that God exists.
- We can also prove by reason that He has revealed Himself to us because of the miracles He performed to make His revelations credible to our minds.
- But faith provides us with superior knowledge, far above what we could ever know by our naked reason alone.

CREED IS A PROFESSION OF FAITH

- The Creed comes from the Latin word *Credo* which means I **BELIEVE**
- We respond to God's revelation because of faith
- Faith is a "Gift from God" is saying yes to the truths.
- By having faith we submit our intellect and wills to God
- Faith is a free human act. No one forces us to have faith. God invites us freely.

WHAT IS FAITH?

- Faith invites us to grow in and understand God's Word.
- Faith is the beginning of Eternal Life. Faith is necessary for salvation
- Faith is a virtue and a power. Faith binds us to God
- It strengthens us to live with conviction, resisting temptation, commitment and trust in God's love for us.

DO WE BELIEVE ALONE?

- The creed is a profession of faith.
- The church professes it's belief in the Creed.
- Therefore we are not alone.
- It dates back to 390 A.D. and was handed down to the 12 Apostles during Pentecost .
- It is a summary of Faith

ARTICLE I

▪ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,**

This affirms that God exists, that he's a Triune God (one God in three persons, known as the Holy Trinity), and that he created all the known universe.

WHO IS GOD

- **God is truth.** He is the source of all knowledge. Jesus came to bear testimony to the Truth so we can come to know the one living God who loves us.
- **God is Love.** God's love is like that of a father "God is Love" (1 John 4:8) the very nature of God is to love as a Trinity of persons inviting us to share in that love.
- **God is Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,** One God in three equal Persons. This is the mystery of faith, revealed by God, is an infinite community of love and a community of unity.

WHO IS GOD ?

- **God is Father Almighty.** All things are possible to God, His power is mysterious, loving, merciful and gracious. He created us freely and out of love.
- **God is Creator of Heaven and Earth.** God created the world out of wisdom and love to show forth and communicate, in His glory and His life of love, His truth, goodness and beauty, and that we may serve and love Him eternally.
- **God is a Mystery,** He is always present, He keeps creation in existence and the giver of life.

WHAT DOES GOD DO ?

- God Guides creation and is guiding us on our journey to eternal life.
- Human's are created in God's image and likeness. Humans are the summit of God's creation. Every person has that profound dignity, regardless of sex, race , nationality or ethnic origin. He wants us to be children in one family.

TRUTHS

- It is remarkable how many truths of faith are implied in the simple sentence, “I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.” Each of these truths has been questioned in the course of the Church’s history, and each is being challenged today. That is why as Catholics we have no choice in the modern world: We must know exactly what we profess in the first article of our Creed.

BELIEF

- To believe means to accept with our minds what someone tells us is true. We believe because we trust a person's knowledge, that he knows what he is saying, and his honesty in telling us what he knows. When the person we believe in is a human being, we call it human faith. When the one we believe in is God, we call it divine faith.

WHAT DOES “I BELIEVE IN GOD MEAN”

- The expression, “I believe in God,” therefore, has two meanings. We first of all *believe* God because we know from reason that God exists and that He, more than anyone else, should be believed. He can neither deceive, because He is all-good, nor be deceived, because He is all-knowing. But we also *believe in* God because we accept on His word all that He has revealed to us about Himself and about His will for the human race.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- Faith is, indeed, a form of knowledge. It is reasonable knowledge because we know from reason that God exists. We can also prove by reason that He has revealed Himself to us because of the miracles He performed to make His revelations credible to our minds. But faith provides us with superior knowledge, far above what we could ever know by our naked reason alone.

GOD'S PERFECTIONS

- When we speak of God's perfections, we call them "attributes" because we attribute to Him such qualities as belong to the divine nature. Yet all the while we realize that these perfections in God only dimly correspond, in human language, to various properties in creatures.
- In reality, the divine attributes are identical among themselves and with the divine nature. But in our human way of thinking there are different attributes because they are like the differences we see in creation, which itself is a manifestation of the indescribable greatness of God.
- The Apostles' Creed gives only one attribute of God: that He is almighty. Since apostolic times, however, the Church has identified no less than fifteen divine attributes and, by now, a library of literature has been written to explain what they mean.

WHO IS GOD

He is the *true* God because He really exists and is not a figment of the imagination projecting our own fears or desires.

He is the *living* God whose life is His very essence. He is the being whose inward activity is identical with His nature.

He is *eternal* because in God there is nothing past, as if it were no longer; nothing future, as if it were not yet. In Him there is only “is,” namely, the present. That is why when Yahweh first appeared to Moses in the burning bush and Moses asked Him for His name, God told him, “I Am Who Am” (Exodus 3:14).

ARTICLE II

- *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,*

WHAT DOES THIS ATTEST TO?

- This attests that Jesus is the Son of God and that he's most certainly divine. The word *Lord* implies divinity, because the Greek *Kyrios* and the Hebrew *Adonai* both mean "lord" and are ascribed only to God. So the use of *Lord* with *Jesus* is meant to profess his divinity. The name *Jesus* comes from the Hebrew *Jeshua*, meaning "God saves." So Catholics believe that Jesus is Savior.

WHAT DOES THIS AFFIRM TO?

- This affirms the human nature of Christ, meaning he had a real, true human mother, and also affirms his divine nature, meaning he had no human father but by the power of the Holy Spirit was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He's therefore considered both God and man by Christians—fully divine and fully human.

WHAT DOES THIS AFFIRM TO?

- Jesus is the only Son of God
- Begotten from the Father
God from God
- Light from Light from light

WHAT DOES THIS AFFIRM TO?

- The Son always existed.
- He shared in creation
- He is the second person of the trinity

FACTS ABOUT JESUS

- Jesus is the only Son of God.
- Jesus is true God and true man
- The Mystery of the Son of God becoming man is the Incarnation
- This is a dogma of the Church
- Jesus role was to proclaim the Good News, the message of God's kingdom.
- Mary and Joseph were told by the angel in (Matthew 1:21) "You are to name Him Jesus, because he will save His people from their sins"

FACTS ABOUT JESUS

Jesus was a teacher. He taught His message in many ways.

- By His spoken language
- By the way He treated people, the poor, needy and suffering or sick
- By treating everyone the same: women, children, sinners and enemies with equal respect and love of God for all.
- Jesus spoke to women, touched the sick, and ate with sinners to bring His word to all equally.
- **Through His mystery of divine love, we learn that Jesus is the way to salvation and eternal life**

ARTICLE III

- *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*

CHRIST'S NATURE

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WHO IS JESUS?

- The Eternal Christ in Jesus of Nazareth was born of the Divine spark that flows through all. Jesus, the Son, “permits in full consciousness and with full consent to the divine plan for redemption, [for] himself to be used as the Father wishes” .
- By surrendering and becoming receptive to his Source, his *Abba*, God as Holy Spirit breathed a new kind of life into our Lord Jesus Christ. That he was born of the Virgin Mary is to signal that something new and important has taken place.

WHO WAS MARY?

- God wanted to prepare a body for Him, and wanted the free cooperation of a human creature.
- From all eternity God chose for the mother of His Son a daughter of Israel.
- A young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee , the Virgin Mary who was betroth to a man named Joseph of the House of David. This was all a covenant that God had made to King David.
- Mary since her conception was totally preserved from the stain of original sin.

JESUS BECAME MAN

- Mary questioned how this should be done since she had not had relation with a man.
- The Angel told her it would be done by the power of the Holy Spirit., stating “with God nothing is impossible”
- She responded that she was the handmaid of the Lord.
- She gave herself entirely to the work of her son.
- Mary remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, in giving a virgin birth, a virgin in carrying Him, a virgin in nursing Him.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE BIRTH OF CHRIST?

- We've entered into a new era, a new cosmos, with the birth of Christ. Also, with the Annunciation scene in Luke, Mary saying yes to housing the Spirit within her doubles up on the theme of our becoming a human receptacle for the Holy Spirit. A new era of Divine-human relations has begun

MYSTERIES OF CHRIST'S LIFE

- The mysteries of Christ's life in the Creed speaks only about the mysteries of the Incarnation (conception and birth) and the Paschal Mystery (passion, crucifixion, death, burial, descent into hell, the Resurrection and the Ascension. It says nothing about His public hidden and public life.

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

- In-His hidden life which by His submissions, atones for our sins and disobediences.
- In-His healings, He bore our infirmities and diseases.
- Christ whole life was a mystery , All Jesus said and did and suffered had for an aim to restore fallen humanity.
- Jesus' whole life was a continual teaching: His silences, His miracles, His prayers and His love for people especially for the poor and the little ones.

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

- Christ's whole life is a mystery of redemption.
- In His incarnation through by becoming poor he enriches us with His poverty and Love