

Creeds and Inductive Study

Outline

This outline provides an overview of a discussion group on the Apostles' Creed. The links at the beginning provide some initial background material. The links in the table connect to blog entries for the weekly discussion on each part of the Creed.

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Apostles' Creed ¹	Nicene Creed ²	References ³
I believe in	I believe in	Romans 4 Hebrews 11 Mark 5:25-34
God, the Father	one God, the Father	Malachi 2:10 Ephesians 1:3-14 Galatians 4:1-7
almighty, creator of heaven and earth.	Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.	Genesis 50:15-26 Psalm 93 Acts 4:23-31 Genesis 1-2 Isaiah 45:9-25
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.	I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; Through Him all things were made.	Hebrews 1:1-3:6 Colossians 1:13-23 [Philippians 1:29-2:11]
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.	Who, for us for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;	Matthew 1:1-25 Luke 1:26-56 Hebrews 2-4
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.	and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried;	Isaiah 53 Romans 3:19-26 Hebrews 10:1-25 [1 Corinthians 1:17-31]

¹ Alistair McGrath, *"I Believe" – Exploring the Apostles' Creed* (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Books, 1991).

² <http://www.ccel.org/creeds/nicene.creed.html>

³ J. I. Packer, *Affirming the Apostles' Creed* (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books, 2008). Additional references added in [square brackets].

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He descended to the dead.		Philippians 1:19-26 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 2 Timothy 4:6-18 1 Peter 3:19
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven	and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven,	[Luke 24:44-53] Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-2:10
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	and sits on the right hand of the Father;	Hebrews 12:1-2, Luke 12:35-48 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 2 Peter 3
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.	and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.	Hebrews 12:1-2 Luke 12:35-48 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 2 Peter 3 [Psalm 110] [Psalm 98]
I believe in the Holy Spirit,	And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.	John 7:37-39 John 14:15-26 John 16:7-15 Romans 8:1-17
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,	And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.	1 Peter 2 Ephesians 2:11-4:16
the forgiveness of sins,	I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;	Romans 5 Romans 10:1-13 Galatians 2:15-3:29 Philippians 3:4-16
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.	and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.	Mark 12:18-27 1 Corinthians 15:35-38 Philippians 3:4-16, Revelation 21:1-22:5