

The Apostles' Creed

Essay Questions

LESSON
ONE

THE ARTICLES OF FAITH



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Essay Questions

1. How did the Apostles' Creed develop?

2. Why did the church believe it was important to create and use a creed?

3. Describe the Trinity in terms of persons and nature, and explain the different work attributed to each by the Apostles' Creed.

4. Why is it important to participate in the church and to preserve its central doctrines?

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Two

GOD THE FATHER



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9. Explain God's authority over creation as absolute, exclusive, and exhaustive.

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LESSON
Three

JESUS CHRIST



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1. What do the Scriptures mean by the term “Son of God” when it is applied to Jesus?
2. How does the title “Lord” point to the divinity of Jesus?

3. In what ways do Jesus' experiences prove that he was truly human?
4. What does the Old Testament title "Christ" mean? How does Jesus fulfill this office?

5. How does the fulfillment of the office of Christ point to his humanity?

6. Discuss Jesus' human nature and its relationship to his divine nature.

7. Why was the incarnation necessary? What did Jesus accomplish by it?

8. Why did Jesus subject himself to arrest, suffering, and crucifixion?

9. Explain the phrase in the Apostles' Creed "he descended into hell."

10. Discuss the four parts of the exaltation of Jesus.

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FOUR

THE HOLY SPIRIT



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Essay Questions

1. How does the Apostles' Creed affirm the Holy Spirit's divinity?
2. What is the biblical basis for the Creed's teaching about the Holy Spirit's divinity?

3. What personal attributes does the Bible ascribe to the Holy Spirit? How do these attributes demonstrate his personhood?

4. How is the Holy Spirit distinct from the Father and Son as a separate person within the Trinity?

7. What is sanctification and how does the Holy Spirit work to sanctify God's people?

8. Discuss the various ways the Holy Spirit administers divine grace.

9. What are the three aspects of revelation, and how does the Spirit work through each to reveal his will?

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FIVE

THE CHURCH



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5. What does the Bible mean when it uses the word “holy” to describe the people of God?

6. Define and describe the word “catholic” as it was understood in the Apostles’ Creed.

7. What is the visible catholic church, and how do we decide which churches should be embraced as part of the catholic or universal church of Christ?

8. Discuss the invisible catholic church and how it differs from the visible catholic church.

9. In what ways is the visible church a communion of saints?

10. Discuss how all believers in the invisible church share communion with Christ and with other believers.

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SIX

SALVATION



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3. What role does individual responsibility play in the forgiveness of sins?

4. How did man's fall into sin corrupt not only our souls but also our physical bodies?

5. Discuss how the gospel, or “good news,” ensures our resurrection.
6. Describe the three stages of bodily redemption and how, according to the Scriptures, we will experience each.

9. What is the new heaven and new earth and where will believers spend eternity?