

THE APOSTLES CREED

Reference: Miscellaneous Scripture

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Throughout the past 20 centuries the church has used three principle means of passing on Christian teaching to the next generations:

Definition: theological confessions are elongated and sometimes complicated _____ of faith

Examples: the Westminster confession, the Heidelberg confession, etc.

Because confessional statements are more extensive in length and content confessions tend to be more for _____ consumption, not something we would read together in a church service

Definition: creeds are in essence **shorter** confessions...that are sometimes memorized.

Because creeds are shorter creeds tend to be used in _____ recitations.

Definition: a catechism is a teaching instrument that uses _____ and _____

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, the creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

ONE” *I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit...*”

Reference: **Matthew 1:20** “*but while he (Joseph) thought about these things, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for **that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.**’*”

TWO” *...born of the virgin Mary”*

Reference: **Matthew 1:23**, “*Behold, **the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son**, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, ‘God (is) with us.’*”

THREE” *...suffered under Pontus Pilate”*

References: **Matthew 27:26**, “*then he (Pilate) released Barabbas to them; and when **he** (Pontus Pilate) **had scourged Jesus**, he delivered him to be crucified.*”

FOUR” *...was crucified”*

Reference: **Matthew 27:35**, “*then **they crucified him** (Jesus)...*”

FIVE” *...died, and was buried”*

- Jesus’s death

Reference: **Matthew 27:50**, “*and Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and **yielded up His spirit** (meaning He died because the body minus the spirit equals death).*”

- Jesus’s burial

Reference: **Matthew 27:59** and **60**

verse fifty nine, “*When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,*

verse sixty, and **laid it in his new tomb** which he had hewn out of the rock, and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.”

SIX” *...He descended into hell”*

Reference: **1 Peter 3:19**, “*by whom also He (Jesus) went and preached to the spirits in prison.*”

SEVEN” *...on the third day He rose again”*

Reference: **Matthew 28:5** and **6**,

verse five, “*but the angel answered and said to the women, “do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.*

verse six, “*he is not here; for he is risen...*”

EIGHT” *...He ascended into heaven”*

Reference: **Acts 1:9-11**

verse nine, “*now when He had spoken these things, **while they watched, He was taken up**, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.*”

verse ten, “*and while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,”*

verse eleven, “*who also said, ‘men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven**, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.’*”

NINE” *...He is seated at the right hand of the Father (God”)*

Reference: **Romans 8:34**, “*...**it is Christ** who died, and furthermore is also risen, **who is even at the right hand of God**, who also makes intercession for us.*”

TEN” *...and He will come again to judge the living and the dead”*

- judgment (non-Christians)

Reference: **Acts 10:42**, “*...He (Jesus) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that it is He (Jesus) **who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.***”

- reward (Christians)

Reference: **Revelation 22:12**, “*and behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with me, to give to every one according to his work.***”