

# Lesson 19

The Apostles' Creed  
Intro & Almighty God





**Opening Music**

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MEMORIAL DRIVE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Our Father everlasting  
The all creating One  
God Almighty**

**Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior**



**This I Believe by Hillsong Worship**



**I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one**

**I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus**



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**Our Judge and our Defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You**

**Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high**

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I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one**

**I believe in the resurrection  
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**I believe in You**

**I believe You rose again**

**I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

**I believe in God our Father**

**I believe...**

# BSD Visitors Day



***Welcome  
Visitors!***



**Thursday, February 16**  
**Sunday, February 19**  
**Wednesday, February 22**



**2 Timothy 3:16**

**All Scripture is God-breathed  
and is useful for  
teaching, rebuking, correcting  
and training in righteousness.**

**2 Timothy 3:16**

# Meet Daniel

**Homecoming  
Queen's Escort**

**All American  
Athlete**

**President of  
Academic Honor  
Society**



Today's  
Preview

# Introduction to the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

Believe

God

Father

Almighty

Creator

# **Introduction to the Apostles' Creed**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe**

**in God the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead.**

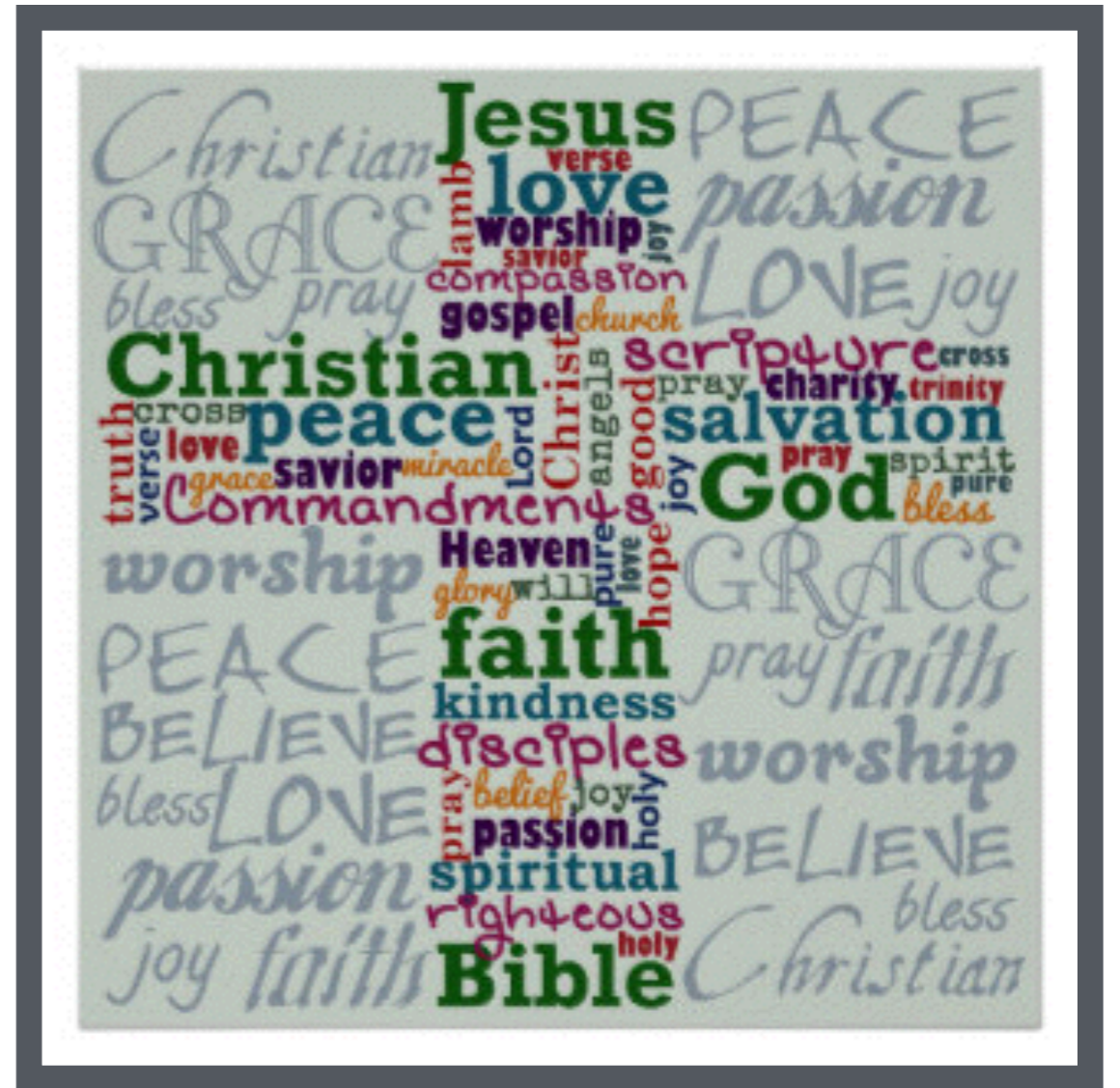
**I believe in  
the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen**

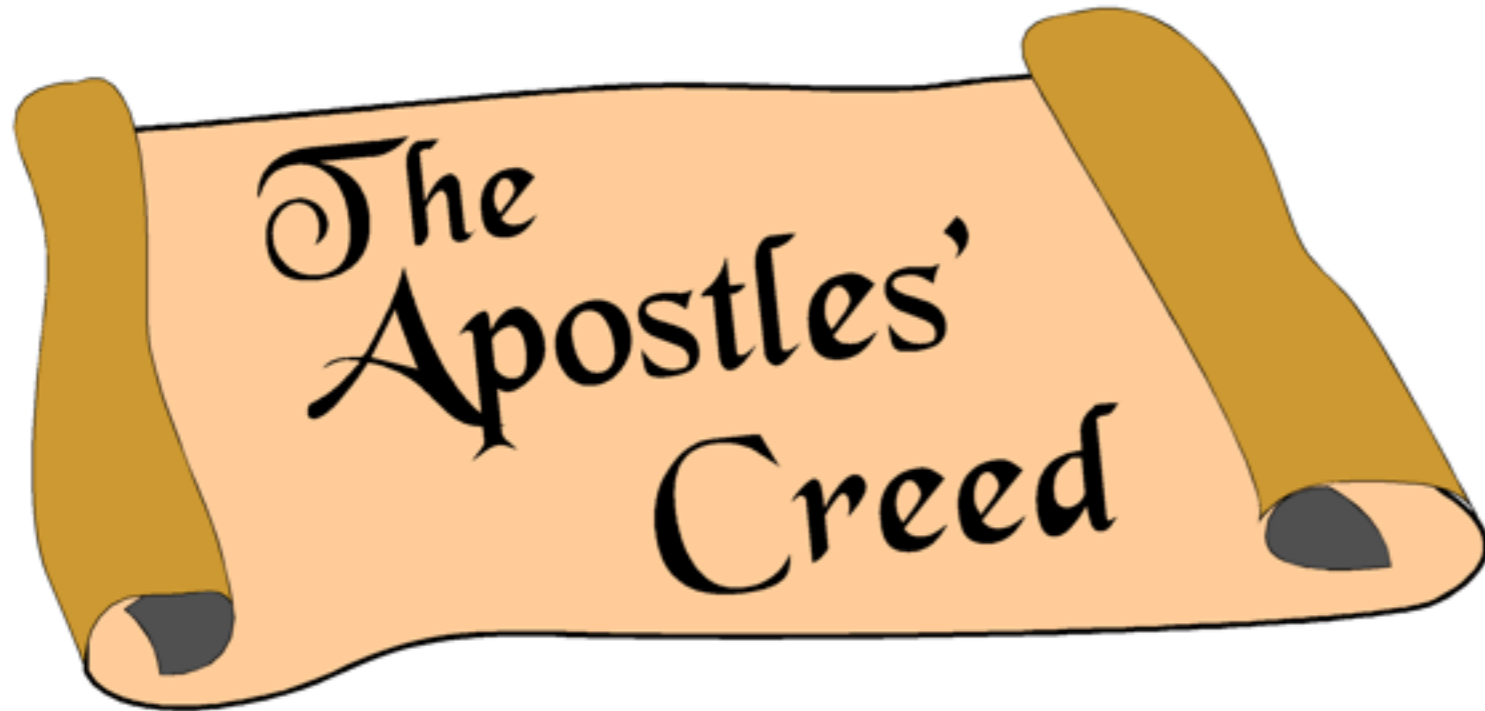


# *What is a Creed?*

- It's a memory tool for teaching and communicating our belief.
- It's the response to the living faith and experience behind the words.
- Creeds answer questions about a time in history where the life of the church was threatened.







- Legend has it that it was written by the Apostles. This is not true, but it reflected the apostles' teachings that were based in Scripture.
- There were precursors to the Apostles' Creed ("The Rule of Faith" & "Old Roman Symbol"). It was first called Apostles' Creed in 390 A.D.
- By 8th century, the Apostles' Creed congealed into the form we have today although not word for word.
- The Apostles' Creed is used by many Protestant and Roman Catholic denominations, but not all of them.

# Summarization of the Summarization

## The Apostles' Creed



**Trinity**



**Creation**



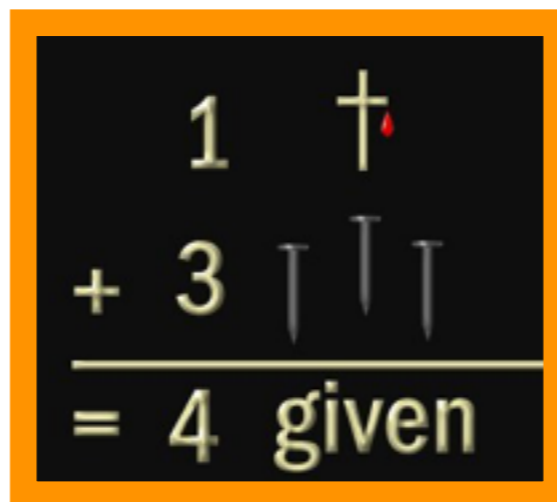
**Incarnation**



**Spirit**



**Church**



**Forgiveness**



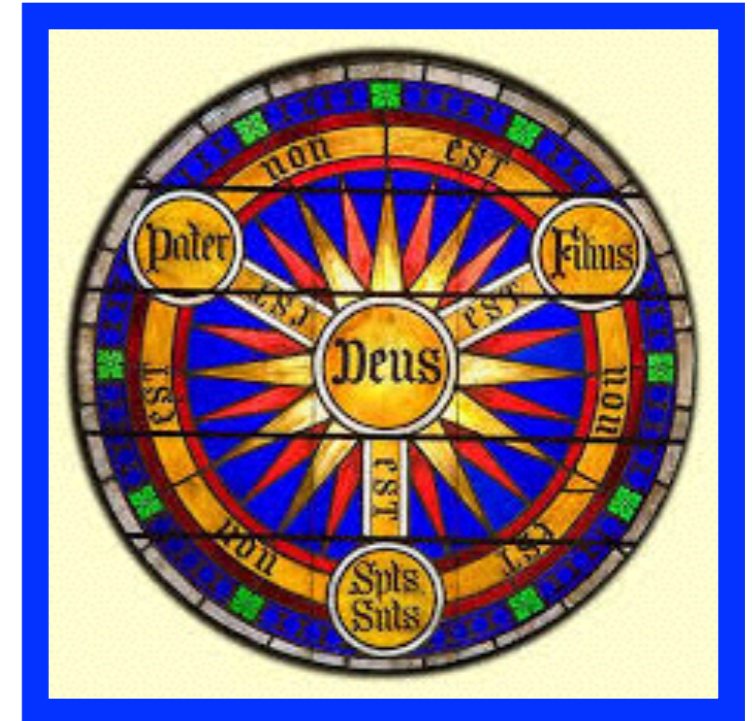
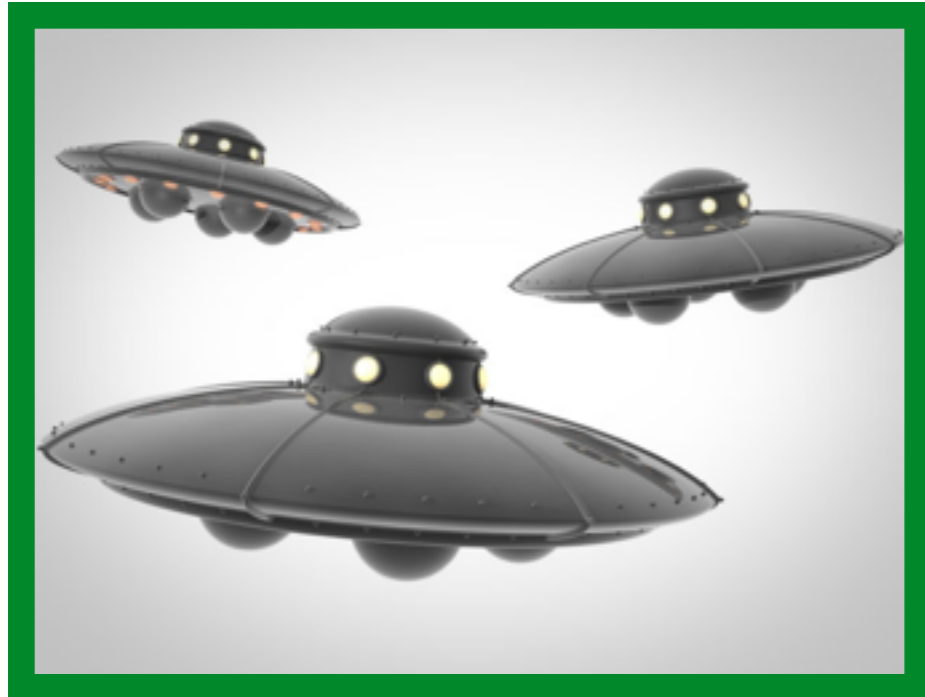
**Christian Hope**

**I believe in God  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**



**I believe...**

*What does it mean to say  
“I believe”?*

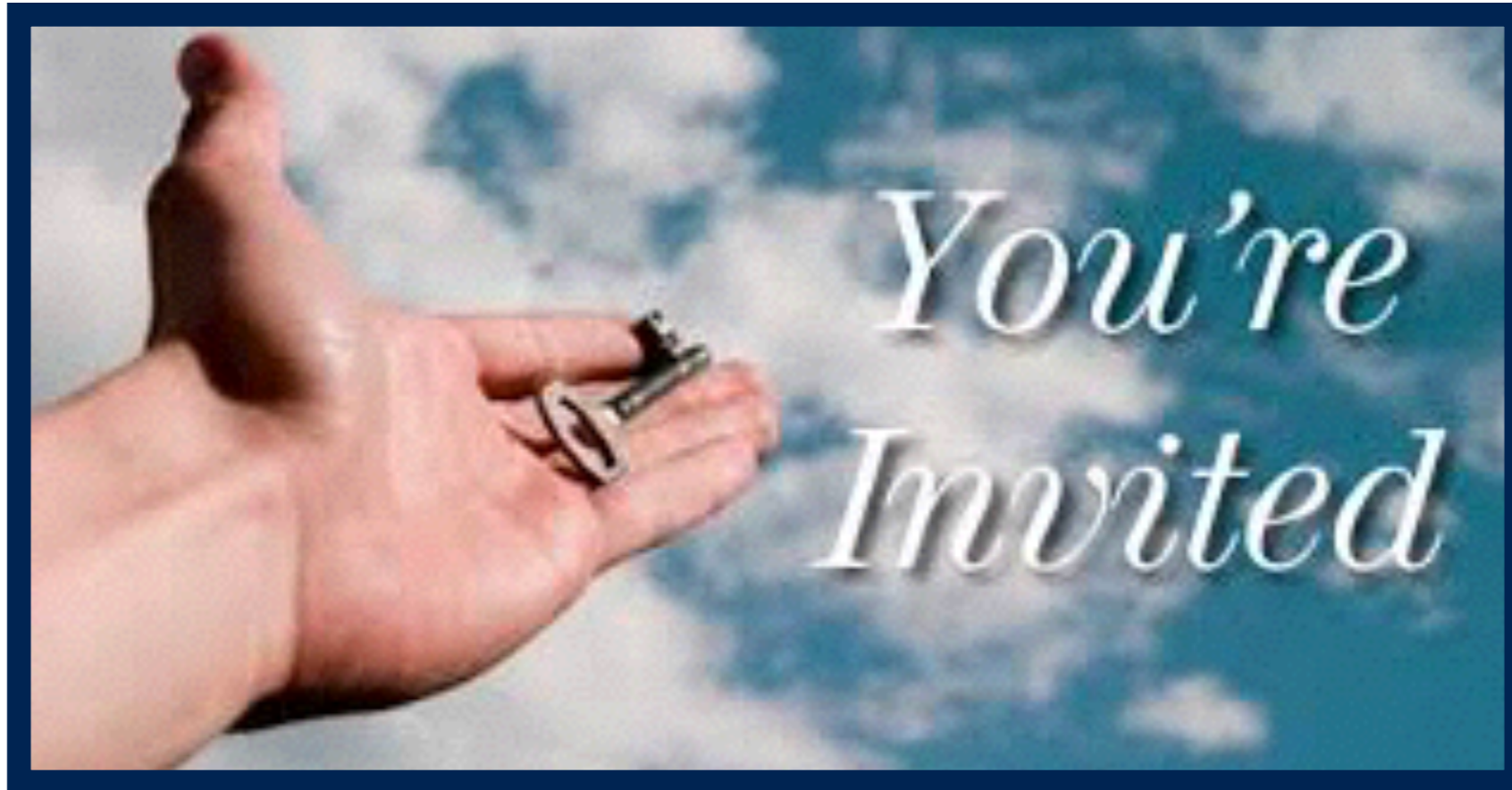


**When you say, “I believe in God”,  
you affirm the truths about God and  
affirm your personal, living relationship with God.**

**Saying “I believe” is a form of praise and worship!**

**I believe...**

***What does it mean to say  
“I believe”?***



**God extended an invitation to you to have and develop a relationship, and you have accepted.**

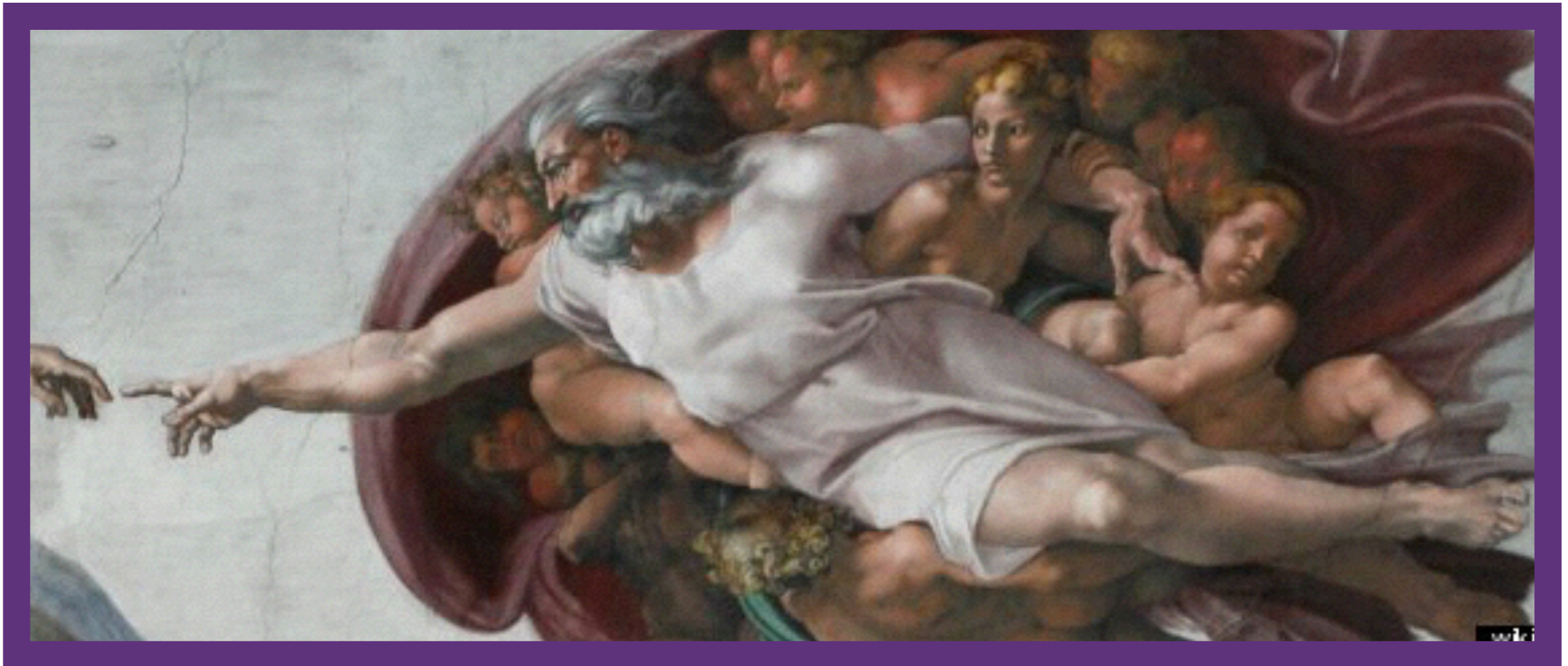
**When you say “I believe”, you begin your journey to becoming more Christ-like.**

**I believe in God...**



# I believe in God...

*What do we know about God?*



**We know God through God's creation,  
what Jesus told us about God,  
and concrete acts in history.**

# I believe in God...

## *What do we know about God's Identity?*

### *God's Nature & Role*

Ex 20:5; Num 14:18,  
2 Chron 30:9, Neh 1:5, 9:17,  
32; Ps 86:5, 15; 103:8-18;  
111:4-9; 112:4; 116:5; 145:8,  
17, 20; Joel 2:13; Jon 4:2,  
Rom 2:2-6



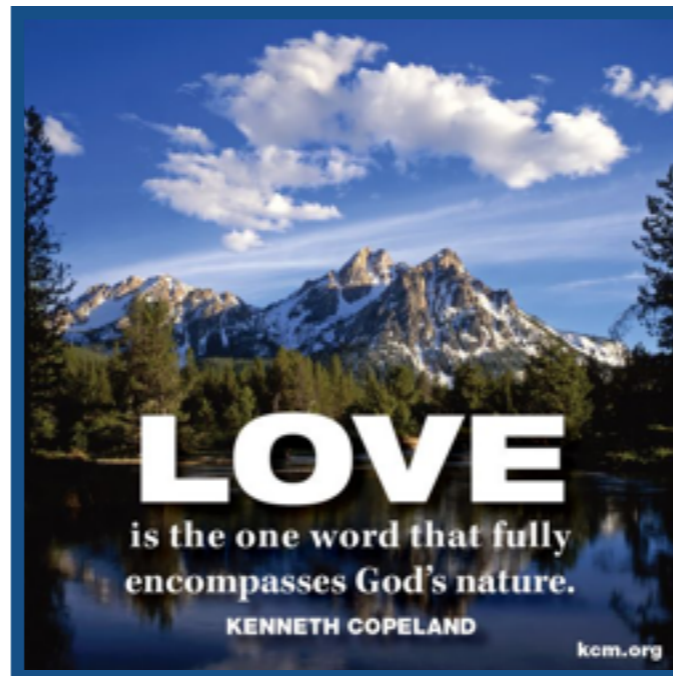
### *Name*

Exodus 3:13, 6:3



### *Trinitarian*

Rom 8:1-17,  
2 Cor 13:14;  
Eph 1:3-14;  
2 Thes 2:13;  
1 Pet 1:2





# I believe in God the Father...

## *What is the definition of “Father”?*

1. Paternity, person responsible for the physical existence of a child. The ancient world only saw this definition.
2. The person with the relationship of love, caring, and provision for a child. Jesus brought this idea to the people.



# I believe in God the Father...

## *What is the Christian thought about the Father?*

1. **Paternity:** Father God is the source, origin, & goal of life.
2. **Fatherhood:** We have an intimate and loving relationship with the Father.
3. **Love:** The Father's love is unwavering, steadfast, gracious, and inclusive. The Father loves each person as if there were only one of us.



# I believe in God the Father...

## *What is the Christian thought about the Father?*

4. **Giving:** The Father gave His only Son for us.
5. **Forgiving:** People are doomed because of sin. Sin breaks God's heart. The Father whom we know through Jesus is willing to forgive those sins because of Jesus' saving act.
6. **Seeking:** The Father will go out to seek the sinner and bring them home.



# **I believe in God the Father Almighty...**

**When we speak of  
the Almighty, we talk  
about the Father's  
power to do anything  
to accomplish the  
Father's will.**



# I believe in God the Father Almighty...

## *What can't the Father do?*

### The Father CANNOT:

1. self-contradict or lie.
2. act out-of-character of who God is.
3. be unloving, random, unjust, or inconsistent.
4. pardon sin without atonement.
5. fail to keep all the promises He made.
6. die because God is the source of life.
7. be imperfect.



**I believe in God the Father  
Almighty, Maker of Heaven  
and Earth...**

***What was the Father's role in the  
creation of both heaven and earth?***



**The Father is author and maker  
(Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 42:8,12;  
Revelation 10:6)  
and owner of creation.  
(Psalm 50:10)**

**I believe in God the Father  
Almighty, Maker of Heaven  
and Earth...**

***Why was “Maker of Heaven and Earth”  
included in the Apostles’ Creed?***

**Reason #1: It helps us not to get the wrong  
impression about who God is.**

**We were made in God’s image not vice versa.**

**We depend on God and not vice versa.**

**We exist by God’s will and not vice versa.**

**I believe in God the Father  
Almighty, Maker of Heaven  
and Earth...**

***Why was “Maker of Heaven and Earth”  
included in the Apostles’ Creed?***

**Reason #2: It helps us not to get the wrong  
impression about the world.**

**It is God who is the author, maker,  
and owner of creation.  
We are the caretakers.**



**I believe in God the Father  
Almighty, Maker of Heaven  
and Earth...**

***Why was “Maker of Heaven and Earth”  
included in the Apostles’ Creed?***

**Reason #3: It helps us not to get the  
wrong impression about ourselves.**

**We did not create ourselves and  
thus we are not our own masters.**

**We serve God!**

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**If you believe that God is  
“The Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and Earth”,  
how does this change you?**

# Close in Prayer