

Lesson 23

The Apostles' Creed
The Church





Opening Music

This I Believe by Hillsong

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KERASpd-g0o>



MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Galatians 3:28

**There is neither Jew nor Greek,
slave nor free,
male nor female,
for you are all one in
Christ Jesus.**

**Give someone a valuable gift.
Offer a Personal Invitation to join BSD.**

**You will receive an
email to edit and
send to friends
and
flyers to give to
friends.**



**Word Became Flesh:
A Study of the Gospel of John**

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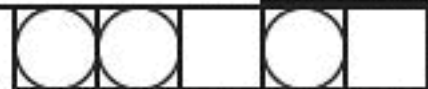
✗ one bed?



JUMBLE

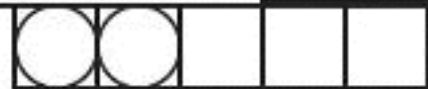
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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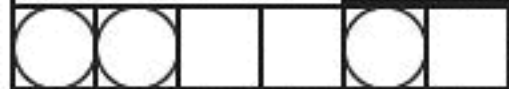


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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

You are telling me that you plan to include every word in this one book?

All of them! It will be the greatest accomplishment of my life.



TO NOAH WEBSTER, CREATING A DICTIONARY WAS —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] - [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] "

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: STASH RODEO INDICT ITALIC

Answer: Choosing to take the shortcut through the poison ivy was — A RASH DECISION

The order
makes a
difference!

I believe in...

holy catholic Church

communion of saints

forgiveness of sins

resurrection of the body

life everlasting

Amen!

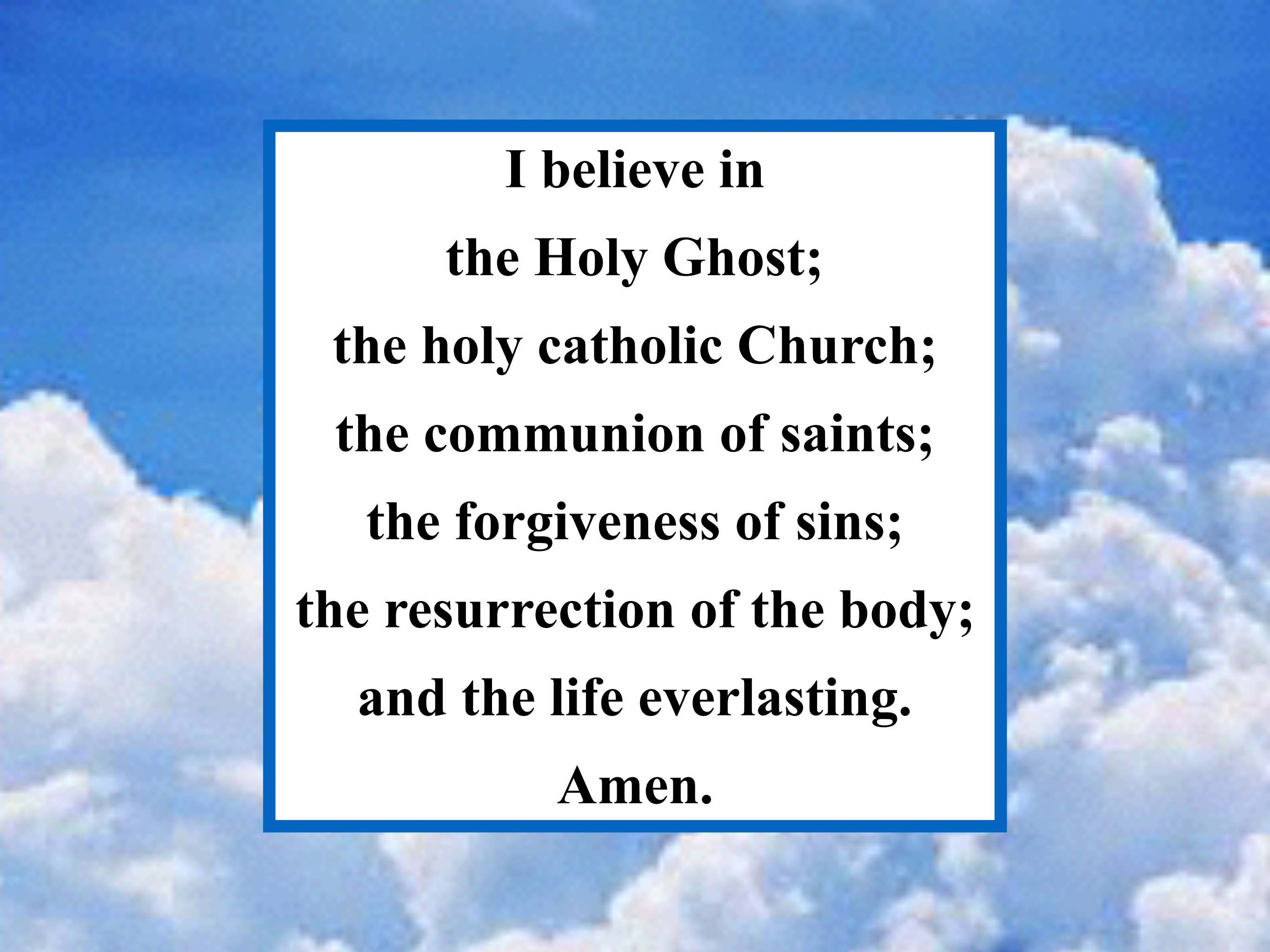
**Today's
Preview**



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.**



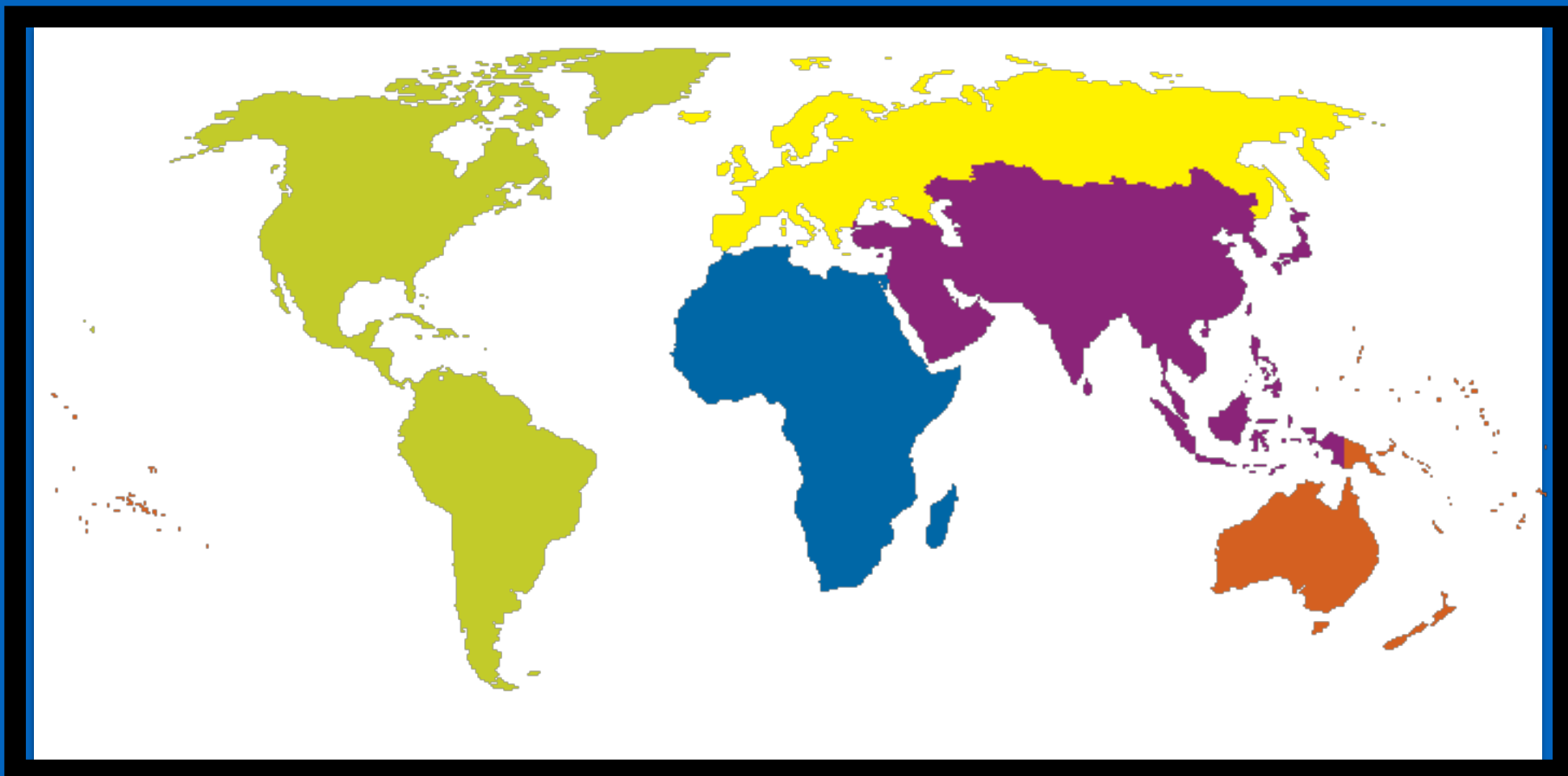
**I believe in
the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

I believe in the holy catholic Church

holy = different

catholic = universal

**Church = body of believers who have
submitted their lives to Jesus Christ**



I believe in the holy catholic Church

Why is the Church necessary?

- **It is where the story of Jesus Christ and the Christian faith is preserved.**
- **It is where people are united together and are invitational and inclusive of all.**
- **It is where we worship together.**
- **It is where we study together.**
- **It is where we support one another.**
- **It is where we work to mend a broken world.**



I believe in the holy catholic Church

Other names for the Church

- Flock of God (**Acts 20:28-29, John 10:1-18**)
- Sect (**Acts 24:14**) from the Greek word for “to choose”. Joining the Church is a choice not a demand of the State.
- Household or family (**Eph 2:19**) related in love.
- Bride of Christ (**Rev 21:9**)
- New Israel (**Gal 6:16**) showing the link to the past.
- Body of Christ (**Rom 12:4**) depicts unity and the Church is led by the Spirit to work in the world.



I believe in the communion of saints...



Communion is

- **togetherness**
- **fellowship**
- **sharing with each other in the life of God**

**The phrase is first seen as part of the
Apostles' Creed in the 6th century.**

I believe in the communion of saints...

We have communion with:

- **Father (John 15:1)**
- **Jesus (1 John 1:3)**
- **Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4)**
- **Holy Angels (Hebrews 1:14)**
- **Others within the Church (Acts 4:32)**
- **Those departed from earthly life and are in the presence of God (Hebrews 12:1)**



I believe in the communion of saints...

saints = people who are...

- **Believers having faith and trust in Jesus Christ**
(Acts 5:14)
- **Disciples or Learners (Acts 6:1)**
- **Brothers in Christ (Acts 15:3)**
- **God's beloved (Romans 1:7)**
- **Servants (Philippians 1:1)**
- **Christians (Acts 11:26) who are different because they live in Christ and with Christ (1 Cor 1:2)**
- ***Us!***



I believe in the forgiveness of sins...

**To believe in forgiveness presupposes
sin exists,
sin is wrong, and
a pardon is demanded.**

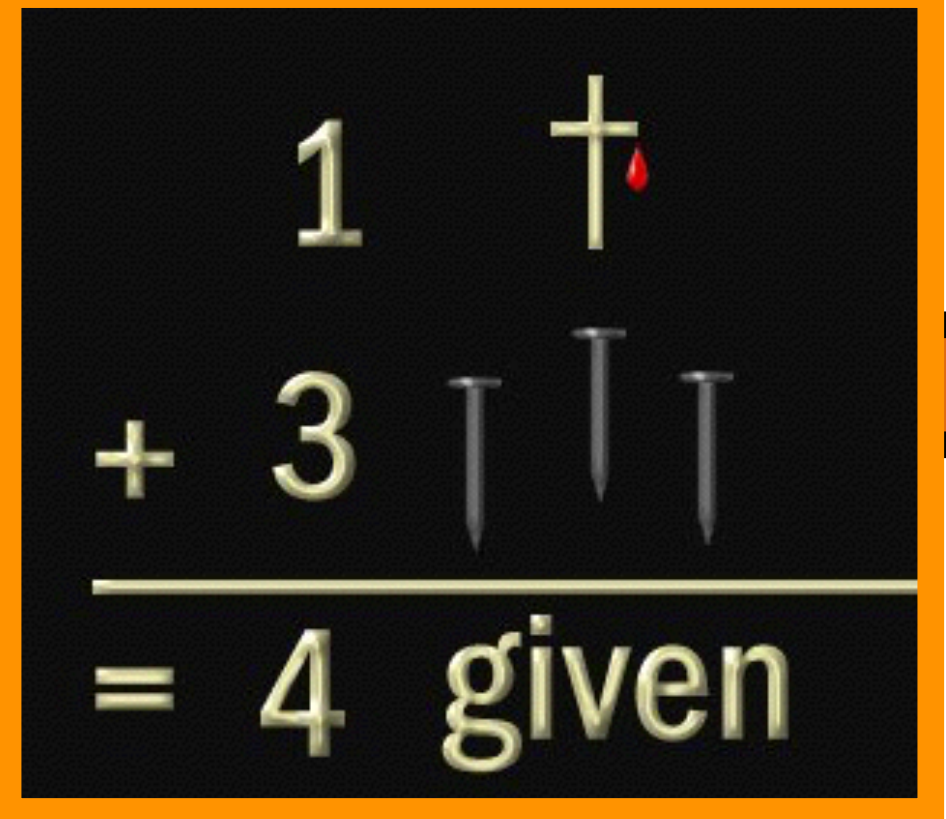
Sin is:

**rebellion or lawlessness
missing the mark or failure
uncleanliness to God**

infectious and enslaving

separating us from God

**something you committed or omitted
punishable**



I believe in the forgiveness of sins...



**Because of Jesus
saving act, we are
assured of
forgiveness and
reconciliation
if we but ask and
repent.**

I believe in the forgiveness of sins...

There are many words in the Bible that translate as *forgiveness*. The translations mean...

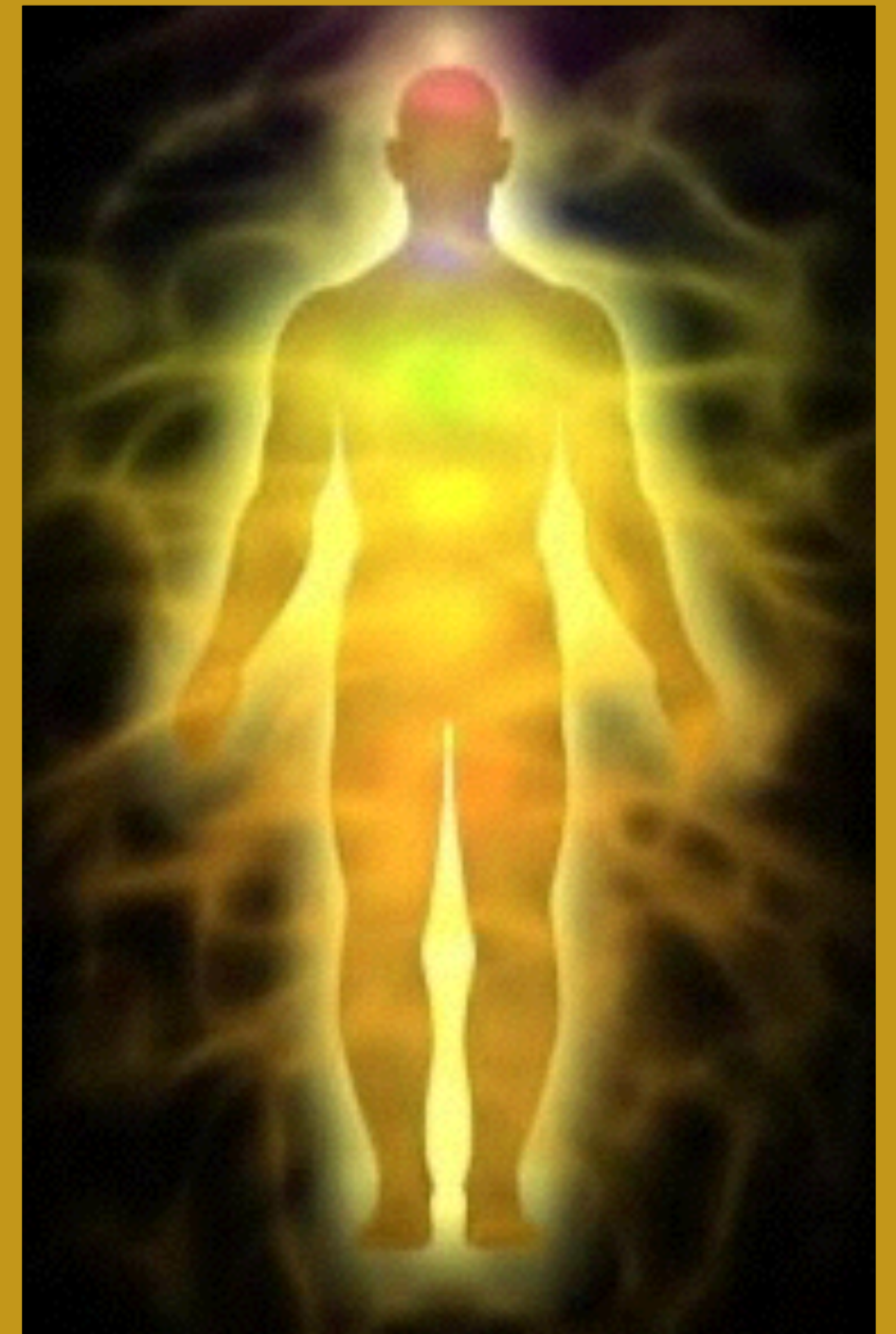
- **sending away or setting free**
- **blotting out or washing away**
- **making the sin no longer binding**
- **rescuing from danger**
- **liberating or freeing**
- **hiding or covering the sin**
- **making amends and appeasing God**
- **reconciling with God or others**



I believe in the resurrection of the body...

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:20-21 ESV



I believe in the resurrection of the body...

The resurrection of the body means that the individual survives as an individual. Our personalities act and are expressed through our bodies. Therefore, it means that we believe in the survival of the individual personality.



**It's not
soul salvation but
whole salvation.**



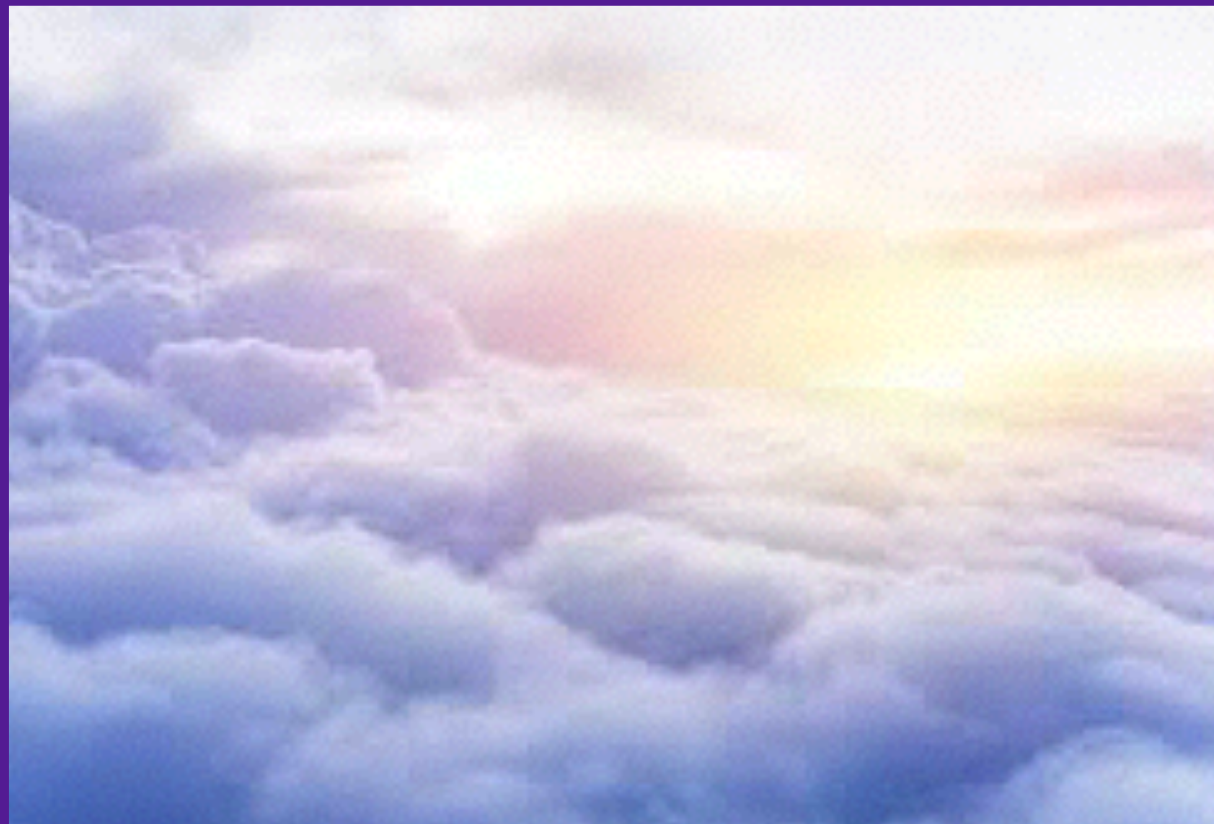
**We'll have new bodies
fit for new people.**



We will not be disembodied spirits.

I believe in the life everlasting...

**Everlasting or Eternal life is not just
endless existence but it is
unexplainable JOY into which Jesus
entered and we shall enter.**



Jesus said to her,
“I am the resurrection and
the life. Whoever believes
in me, though he die,
yet shall he live.

John 11:25 ESV

I believe in the life everlasting...



Domenico di Michelino, 1465, Florence



Raphael, 1511, Vatican



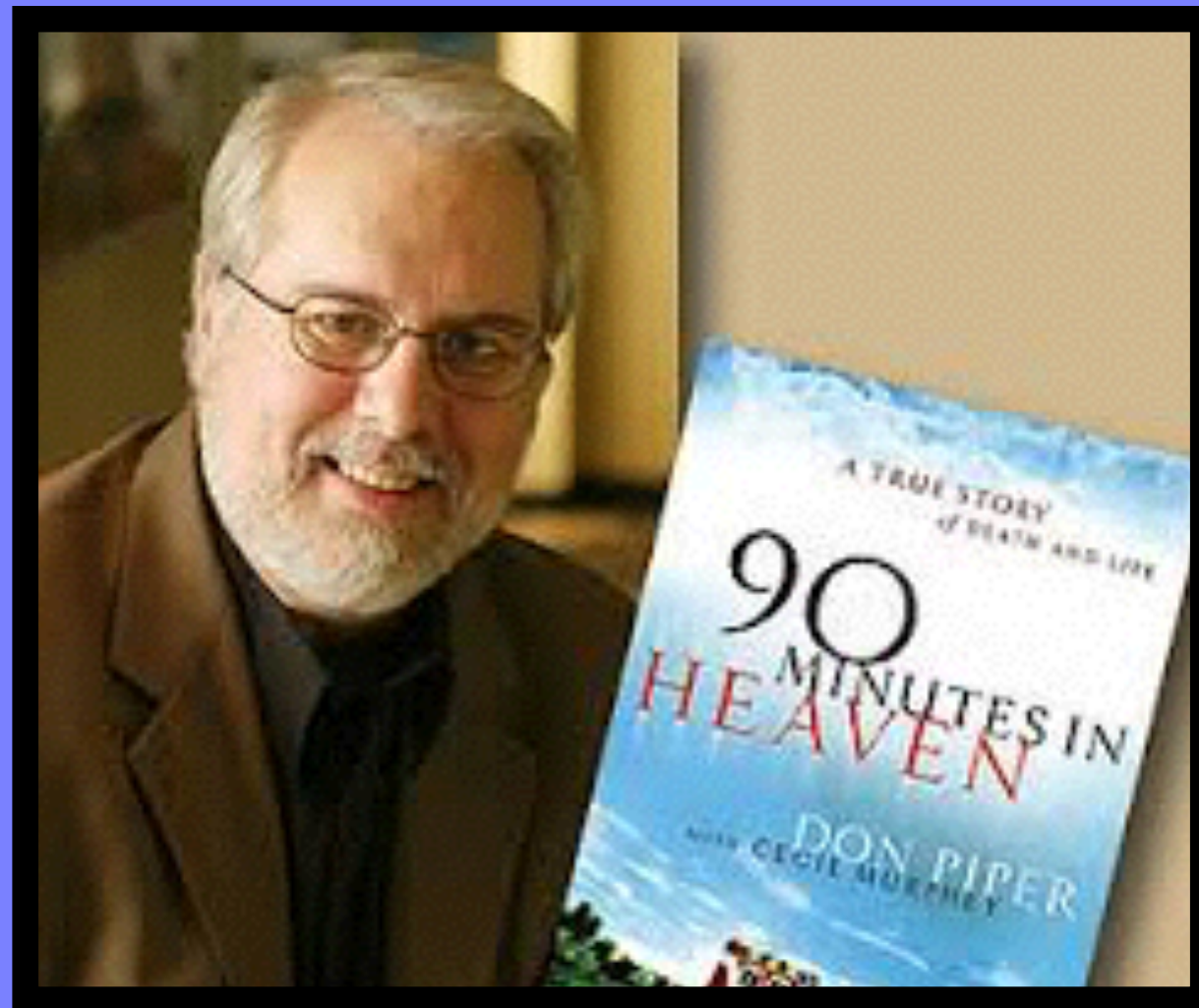
Satoshi Matsuyama, Sapporo, Japan

*What does
heaven
look like?*

**Jack
Going
2011, US**



I believe in the life everlasting...



Rev. Don Piper went to heaven and back!

Listen to his story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9O0KCfLqMZo>

I believe in the life everlasting...

No. <u>"All" Rom. 3:23</u>	Date <u>Now 2 Cor. 6:2</u>
THE BANK OF HEAVEN	
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Whosoever Believeth (John 3:16)</u>	\$ <u>Rom 6:23</u>
THE SUM OF <u>Eternal Life</u>	
FOR <u>Sin (Paid in full) Rom. 5:8</u>	<u>John 1:12</u> THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

What do we know about the life everlasting?

It is promised to us (1 John 2:25).

It is a free gift from God in Jesus (Romans 6:23).

It is a new relationship with God.

It is life with God!!!



Amen!



God



Father



Son



Spirit



Amen!

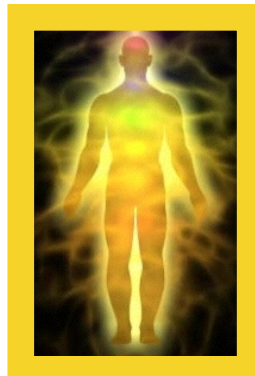
Apostles' Creed



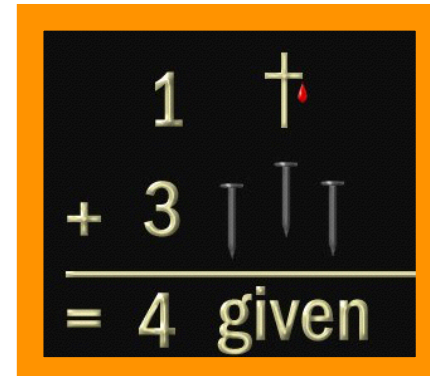
Church



**Life
Everlasting**



**Resur-
rection**



Forgiveness



Saints

Write your own personal statement of faith.

You have 2 weeks to do this. We will share our statements of faith with each other at our last small group meeting.

Close in Prayer