

Lesson 7 - The Creed (1) - Heart of Catholic Wisdom - Articles 1 & 2

1. What is a “Creed”?

Answer: A creed is derived from a Latin word credo, meaning “I believe”. The creed acts as a brief summary of Jesus teachings and is deeply rooted in Scripture. It is a “profession” of our faith put into set of words; standing up for what we believe about God, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

2. From where does the word “Theologian” come and what does it mean?

Answer: The word “Theologian” comes from two Greek words:

- “Theo” – meaning God; and “Logia” – meaning the study of
A theologian is one who formally studies the nature of God and religious belief and practice.

3. What do we believe in the “Creed”?

Answer: The Apostles Creed contains the most important truths of our faith. It starts with our belief that there is a God, and that he is the almighty Creator of Heaven and earth. It tells about God’s Son, who came to earth to save us from our sins. The last part of the creed expresses our belief that God the Holy Spirit continues to work in the world through the Catholic Church.

4. The Apostles' Creed is divided into three parts, called articles; Name them?

Answer: The **First Article** states our belief in **God** the Father.

The **Second Article** states our belief in God the **Son**.

And the **Third Article** states our belief in God the **Holy Spirit**..

5. What are the chief mysteries of faith that we profess in the Creed?

Answer: The chief mysteries professed in the Creed are two: the Unity and Trinity of God; and the Incarnation, Passion, and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Why is the Father the first Person of the Most Holy Trinity?

Answer: The Father is the first Person of the Most Holy Trinity because he does not proceed from another Person and because the other two Persons, the Son and the Holy Spirit, proceed from him.

7. Why is the Son the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity?

Answer: The Son is the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity because he is generated by the Father and because he together with the Father is the principle of the Holy Spirit.

8. Because of Original sin, did man have to remain excluded forever from Heaven?

Answer: Because of Original sin, man would have had to remain excluded forever from Heaven, If God had not promised and sent his own son, Jesus Christ, from Heaven to save mankind.

9. How was the Son of God made man?

Answer: The Son of God was made man by taking a body and a soul, like we have, the pure womb of the Virgin Mary, by the work of the Holy Spirit.

10. With the 2 natures (Divine & Human) of Jesus are there also two persons?

Answer: With the two natures (Divine and Human) of Jesus Christ there are not two persons but only one, divine person of the Son of God.

11. Why did Jesus Christ wish to be poor?

Answer: Jesus Christ wished to be poor to teach us to be humble and not to place our happiness in the riches, the honors, and the pleasures of this world.

12. Did Jesus Christ die as God or as man?

Answer: Jesus Christ died as man, because as God he could neither suffer nor die.

ACTIVITY: APOSTLES' CREED SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Let's find out the spirit and substance of Catholic life, faith and history of the Church....

Match the beliefs contained in the Apostles Creed with a suitable scripture passage. Please refer to the word bank for the answers...

I believe in God,(1) the Father almighty,	1. Isaiah 45:5
Creator of heaven and earth,(2)	2. Genesis 1:1
and in Jesus Christ,(3)	
his only Son,(4)	
our Lord,(5)	
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,(6)	
born of the Virgin(7) Mary,	
suffered under Pontius Pilate,(8)	
was crucified,(9)	
died(10)	
and was buried.(11)	
he descended into hell.(A)	
On the third day(12)	12. 1 Corinthians 15:4
he arose again from the dead,(13)	
he ascended into heaven(14)	
and is seated at the right hand of God,(15) the Father Almighty.	
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.(16)	16. 2 Timothy 4:1
I believe in the Holy Spirit,(17)	
the holy catholic Church,(18)	
the communion of saints,(19)	19. Romans 12:5
the forgiveness of sins,(20)	
the resurrection of the body,(21)	
and the life everlasting.(22) Amen.	



WORDBANK:

Mark 15:25; Mark 16:19; Mark 15:37; Matthew 1:21; Matthew 16:18; Matthew 28:6;
 Luke 1:26-27; Luke 1:35; Luke 7:48; Luke 23:23-25; Luke 23:53; Luke 24:51;
 John 3:16; John 6:39; John 10:28; John 15:26; John 20:28; Acts 2:31;
 Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 45:5; 1 Corinthians 15:4; Romans 12:5; 2 Timothy 4:1.