

## The Apostles' Creed (c. 5th century)

*The Apostles' Creed constitutes a statement of the basics of the faith. The Apostles' Creed was not written by Christ's apostles, but rather is reflective of the apostolic faith as taught by the original apostles. The given name of the creed surmises the rudiments of the apostolic teaching which the disciples would have consistently held since the foundations of the Christian Church. The earliest version could be traced back 215 A.D. The later version dates to c. 542 A.D.*

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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,[a]

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;[1]

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 Catholick Church;[2]

The Communion of Saints;

The Forgiveness of sins;

The Resurrection of the body,

And the Life everlasting.

Amen.

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*End Notes:*

1. *“Descended into hell” is a poetic way of stating that Christ truly and assuredly died on the cross.*

2. *The term “catholic” refers not to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ, not the Roman Catholic Church specifically.*



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