



The Apostles' Creed

Ancient Future Faith

“I Believe”

Message 1, Week of April 11, 2021

Memorize

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10

Open.

What was your favorite school song, team cheer, or student tradition? In what ways did it contribute to a sense of unity and solidarity in the student body?

Study.

If you happened to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you? What questions do you have?

Read the Apostles' Creed aloud as a group.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to Hades.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.

From there he will come 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.

What value can you see in a church regularly reciting the Apostles' Creed, or something like it, together?

Is it significant that the first word of each section of the creed is “I”?
Why or why not?

Who is the subject of each of the three sections of the Creed? Which
of the three gets the most attention? Why?

What other observations about the Apostles' Creed can you offer?

Can any article of the creed be removed without detracting from the
gospel? Why or why not?

Why is it essential to distinguish between the authority of Scripture
and the influence of a creed?

Apply.

Why is it important for Christians to articulate and agree together
about beliefs that are essential to Christian faith?

Read Romans 10:9-10. What does it mean to “believe”?

What is the essential difference between *knowing* and *believing*?

How do *belief* and *action* relate to salvation, according to these verses?

In what specific ways does the Apostles' Creed tell a different story
than the narrative our dominant culture wants us to accept?

What additional questions do you have?