



Christian Basics Class

Week 3 - God the Father

Creeds

Credo = I believe; Christian Creeds = What we believe about God

To say "I believe in God" means I trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in the Holy Scriptures

- *Romans 10:17*

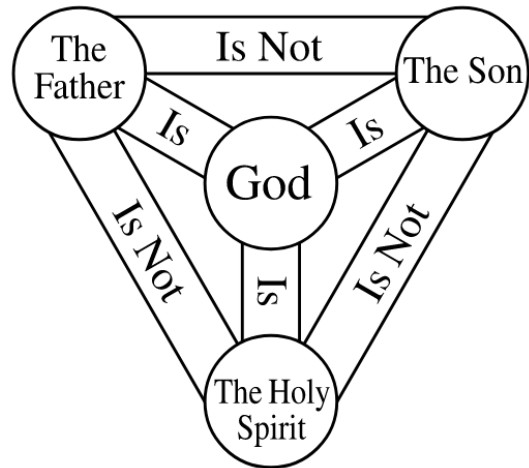
We say "I believe" instead of "We believe" because everyone must believe for themselves

- *Matthew 25:1-13*

1. Nicene Creed
2. Athanasian Creed
3. Apostles' Creed

In the Creeds, we confess that God is . . .

- Spirit
- Eternal
- Unchangeable
- All-Powerful
- All-Knowing
- All-Present
- Holy
- Just
- Faithful
- Good
- Merciful
- Gracious
- Love



In the Creeds we confess that God is triune - 3 Persons in 1 God

First Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body



and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

God the Father Creates

The special work given to God the Father is creation

- *Genesis 1-2*
- *Hebrews 11:3*

The Father creates all things visible and invisible

- *Colossians 1:16*

This includes angels

- These are spirit beings who were created holy
- Some of the angels rebelled against God (devils/demons)
- The good angels are many and powerful and serve God and help us
- The evil angels are also many and powerful and seek to destroy all that is good
- *Psalms 91:11-12*
- *Hebrews 1:14*
- *1 Peter 5:8-9*

This includes humans

- These are the most important visible creatures - God created Adam and Eve in His own image, with authority over all the earth
- *Genesis 1:26-28*
- *Genesis 2:7*

God the Father Sustains

God still sustains all things by His power and wisdom

- *Psalms 36:6*
- *Psalms 147:4*
- *Luke 12:16-21*

God takes care of me by . . .

- Giving me food and clothing, home and family, work and play, and everything I need from day to day - *Psalms 145:15-16*
- Defending me against all dangers and guards and protects me from all evil - *Matthew 10:29-30*

God takes care of us because of His fatherly and divine goodness. In response, we thank, praise, serve, and obey Him and live as good stewards of His creation

- *Genesis 2:15*