

# Apostle's Creed



*The Christian church calls this Creed the Apostles' Creed even though the apostles did not compile it. It originated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century and developed until it found its final form in approximately the 4<sup>th</sup> century (HC, Sunday 7 q/a 23, cf. Belgic Confession, art. 9).*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He endured the suffering of hell\*.

On the third day He arose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sits 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;

I believe a holy catholic\*\* Christian church, the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting.

\*Literally: He descended into hell

\*\* Universal – the church of all times and including most denominations