

Apostle's Creed



The Christian church calls this Creed the Apostles' Creed even though the apostles did not compile it. It originated in the 2nd century and developed until it found its final form in approximately the 4th 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