

Apostles' Creed Card

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." — Jeremiah 29:13

One of the oldest summaries of core Christian belief, used by the church for nearly 2,000 years.

"I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 it means, line by line

- **"God the Father almighty"** — affirms one all-powerful Creator.
- **"Jesus Christ, God's only Son"** — affirms Jesus' full divinity and unique relationship to the Father.
- **"Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary"** — affirms the virgin birth and Jesus' full humanity.
- **"Suffered... crucified, died, and was buried"** — affirms a real, historical death.
- **"On the third day he rose again"** — affirms a bodily, historical resurrection.
- **"The holy catholic Church"** — "catholic" here means universal, not the Roman Catholic Church specifically.
- **"The resurrection of the body"** — affirms a future bodily resurrection, not just a spiritual afterlife.