

The Apostles' Creed

I believe



**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord . . .**

His names say it all.

I believe in **Jesus**. *Jesus* is a name that means “savior”—not “example,” not “good man,” not “leader,” but “savior.” As Joshua delivered God’s people from their enemies, so Jesus saved me from my enemies. Joshua delivered God’s people from armies and from people intent on destroying them, but Jesus delivered me from the more powerful spiritual forces of sin, death, and hell. I believe in Jesus. The price he paid was not gold or silver but his holy precious blood and his innocent sufferings and death.

I believe in **Christ**. *Christ* is a name that means “the anointed one.” Messiah has the same meaning: “the one God said would come,” “the one all the faithful of the Old Testament awaited.” He is the one who was anointed to carry out three special tasks—my Prophet, my Priest, and my King. As my Prophet, he speaks to me, he comforts me, he inspires me in his holy Word. As my Priest, he brought the perfect and complete sacrifice for all my sins. The sacrifice he offered was himself. As my King, he rules in my heart and life. He assures me that I am in his kingdom now and will reign with him in heaven. So I believe in Christ.

I believe in **his only Son**. That’s who Jesus is: God’s one and only Son from all eternity, equal with the Father in every respect. No father ever loved a son so much, yet God sent his Son into this world to become like me—except without sin—so that he

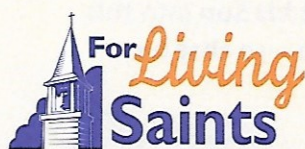
*Because he came into this world,
I am now God's child
who will live with him forever.*

might live and die for me. Because he came into this world, I am now God's child who will live with him forever. He is the one I believe in, God's only Son.

I believe in **our Lord**. There was a time when I had no lord. I was a captive of the devil. I was bound in sin's chains. I was condemned to death—eternal death. But my Lord Jesus rescued me. He redeemed me. He released me from sin, death, and the devil and brought me under his care and protection.

He is not only *my* Lord; he is *our* Lord. I find myself in the blessed company of all those who look to Jesus in faith and call him Lord. He is also the Lord of my family and my friends who believe in him. The bond that he creates between us is stronger than any other human ties could ever be.

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