

The Apostles' Creed, line 2
...God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

I. I Believe...

A. What is a Creed?

B. What is it to “believe”? Mark.1:15

1. Jesus said to treat the Gospel as the central statement of Ultimate Eternal Reality.

C. What is the Apostles' Creed?

1. It is the earliest universally affirmed synopsis of the basic Christian faith. The apostles didn't write it, their disciples did. But it is based securely on apostolic teaching, easily demonstrated by reading the New Testament.

II. In God...Genesis 1:1.

A. In the Beginning...God...

1. Yes, there is a God...

- a) If anything at all _____ something must have _____
- b) The eternal is either _____ or _____
- c) It is more likely that _____ created _____ than that _____ created a _____

2. No, the culture does not believe in Him. (The real God of the Bible)

- a) Many teach that there simply is no God.
- b) Some think that everything is God.
- c) Some think that there are many gods.
- d) Many think that there is one God, but he is not the real Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Known by His Primary Title: _____. Genesis 1:1.

1. The most generic or general term for Him in the Bible.
2. **God is Spirit—infinite, eternal, unchangeable, in His Being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.** Westminster Shorter Catechism Question #4 (Westminster Assembly, 1643)

C. But also known by His Covenant Name: _____. Exodus 3:14

1. In Hebrew: Form of the verb “to be” (Hayah) “I AM”

III. The Almighty...El Shaddai/ Pantokrator

A. Rev.1:8; 4:8 _____ (pantokrator)

B. Gen.17:1. _____

IV. Who created the heaven and earth...Gen. 1:1-2; Heb.11:1-3

A. No, we are not _____. Creation makes perfect sense.

B. Creation includes the _____. 2 Cor.4:16-18.

C. Creation includes the _____ of the material world by the expression of His mind, His Word. Heb.1:1-3.

1. Who is the Word? _____

V. The Father... “Father” is the Christian name for God.

A. You and I have a _____...*no, really.*

1. A unique _____ Jn.1:12-13.

2. A wonderful _____. Matt. 6:7-13

a) The Fatherhood of God _____

- (1) His listening and caring. Rom.8:26
- (2) His grace and compassion.
- (3) His instruction and correction.
- (4) His understanding and patience.
- (5) His guidance and provision.
- (6) His love and security.

3. A precious _____ to the Lord himself. Jn.20:17

B. Because He is first and foremost the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt. 3:17; 17:5

1. But More on this next week...