

The Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated 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,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The word "catholic" refers not to the Roman Catholic Church, but to the **universal church** of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostles' Creed was not written by the apostles, but it does contain a brief summary of their teachings. It is the basic creed of Reformed churches and has this title because of its great antiquity; it dates from very early times in the Church, a half century or so from the last writings of the New Testament.