



THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed as we know it was not formulated by the apostles. Rather, it is one of the earliest formal creeds written by church leaders summarizing the apostles' teaching. Today biblical scholars agree the creed was developed sometime between the second and ninth centuries. The oldest form of the creed appeared in approximately AD 340, and the fullest form of the creed came into being around 700 AD.

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.