

THEOLOGY

Questions for the Creed

The Creed is a statement of the Heart

Just as the etymology of the word “religion” reminds us that Christian spirituality is all about _____ with God so too can the etymology of the word “creed” help us understand how to best approach these articles of faith. “Creed” comes from the Latin “*credo*” which means “I believe” but a more literal translation is “I give my _____ to.” Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple (1881 - 1944) suggested replacing the word “believe” with “_____.”

We begin to understand the divine mysteries by first taking a leap of faith.

Fides quaerens intellectum = faith seeking _____.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430) & St. Anselm of Canterbury (1033 - 1109)

History Review

The Roman Empire persecuted Christians until the early 300s, when Emperor _____ halted the persecutions and called the Council of Nicaea, where Christian leaders agreed that Jesus was fully human and fully _____. Christian leaders also wrote the Nicene Creed which expanded upon the previous “Apostle’s Creed.”

Questions

- *Who is God?* God is _____ and God is the Father, the *Almighty*, the _____ of heaven and earth.

- *Who is Jesus?* Jesus is the _____. Jesus is God incarnate as man. Jesus is our _____ and offers _____.

- *Who is the Holy Spirit?* The Holy Spirit gives us life and breath

- *What is the Church?* The Church is universal (catholic) and apostolic. The Church is a community of people connected to God through the Holy Spirit in _____.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in _____ God
the Father, the _____
_____ of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only _____ of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were _____.
For us and for our _____
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became _____ from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under _____;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his _____ will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father _____.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy _____ and _____ Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the _____ of the dead
and the life of the _____. Amen.