

JESUS IS SALVATION

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a study on the apostles creed

The Apostles Creed

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

*And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*

***suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.***

He descended to hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Catholic Church,

the communion of the saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of March 8, 2020
Various Scriptures

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 Why is it significant for the creed to emphasize the biblical accounts of Jesus' suffering, crucifixion, death, and burial as historical facts?
- 2 This week, we were reminded that salvation is a free gift of grace through faith in Jesus. In what ways are you striving to feel loveable and worthy before God rather than accepting this free gift?
- 3 Why are God's sovereignty and omniscience essential to understanding Jesus' atoning work on the cross?

DIGGING DEEPER

A ***Romans 5:6-11, ESV** – ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

- 4 Looking at the passage above, how are people apart from the work of Jesus described? Describe what Christ has done for you?

5 How would you describe the necessity of the cross? How is the cross a picture of God's love for us? How is it a picture of God's hatred of all sin?

6 How are you comforted in your suffering by the fact that Christ experienced true, intense suffering?

B *1 Corinthians 15:20-23, ESV – 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.*

Romans 6:3-4, ESV – 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

7 What did Paul say about the relationship between the resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of all people? Can you believe in one but not the other? Why or why not?

8 What did Paul mean when He said Jesus is the first fruits of the resurrection? What's Paul's conclusion, based on the fact that Jesus was resurrected?

9 What is the significance of Paul's words, "We were buried therefore with him"? How does the resurrection change the way you live day by day?

TAKING IT HOME

“Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead.” Spend some time reflecting on those words and answer the main question from last week’s sermon, “Who is Jesus to you”? What needs to change in your life to live in a way that reflects Jesus as salvation? Share with your group or accountability partner and pray for one another as you seek to live a life of obedience to the King of Kings.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 12:38-40, 27
Romans 3:10-26, 5:12-21, 6:1-11
1 Corinthians 15:3-19
2 Corinthians 5
Hebrews 10:1-10