

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*Apostles' Creed – Week 2*

*I believe in*

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

*I believe 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 the dead and on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, and he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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 Christian view of the Godhead is God is three distinct persons and yet is one. So, God does not just have attributes of each person – God IS all three persons in one!

Matthew 6:9-13 (NASB):

“Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

‘Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

‘Give us this day our daily bread.

‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

**Our God is an infinitely powerful yet intensely personal Father!**

- Infinitely powerful
  - V. 9
    - There is a God that lives in heaven – His location is supernatural
    - His name is hallowed – it carries weight to it, there should be a revered fear that is felt when you say His name
      - The bigger the mammal, the greater the fear
      - Exodus 20:7 – We should not take His name lightly
  - V. 10
    - The Kingdom of God was launched in the coming of Jesus Christ on earth and is active and moving now – and will be concluded at the return of Christ via the power of the Holy Ghost for the glory of the Father!

## REAL TALK FROM THE WORD

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- Isa 11:6 (BBE) – “And the wolf will be living with the lamb, and the leopard will take his rest with the young goat; and the lion will take grass for food like the ox; and the young lion will go with the young ones of the herd; and a little child will be their guide.”
  - Rev 21:4 (BBE) – “And he will put an end to all their weeping; and there will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain; for the first things have come to an end.”
  - Ro 8:22 (BBE) – “For we are conscious that all living things are weeping and sorrowing in pain together till now.”
  
  - Intensely personal
    - V. 11
      - Our daily bread is not that God gives you everything you want – it’s that He gives you what you ACTUALLY need!
      - It is only a selfish, unloving father that always says yes.
        - The most loving thing that a personal, loving father can do is say “no”.
        - How many things have you ever asked for that you are now THANKFUL that you did not get???
      - Pr 30:7-9 (NLT) – “O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me *just enough* to satisfy my needs. For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the LORD?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.”
    - V. 12
      - All sin – sins of commission AND omission – are against of God and when we sin against God, there is collateral damage (someone else will be harmed).
      - The gospel not only brings us in right standing with our Father but with each other as well.
    - V. 13
      - 1Co 10:13 (NLT) – The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.
      - How the Bible describes the devil and how the world does is vastly different
        - The world portrays the devil as this magnificent creature that no one can kill
        - The Bible portrays the devil as a mean dog that is muzzled – there is no equal entities fighting to the end
          - What is impossible to us is NOTHING to God!
  
  - SYMMETRY (Balance): The Bible is vocal and loud about God’s delight in us, His pleasure in us and His desire to commune with us.
  - CLARITY: To be a God of love is to have wrath – and if God loves you, He will expose your secret sin!
  - COMMUNITY: We walk together as the communion of saints brought together by this Father.
  - COUNSEL: If God the Father Almighty is infinitely powerful and intensely personal, that should shape how we counsel ourselves and others.
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