

REAL TALK FROM THE WORD

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Apostles' Creed – Week 12

*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.*

Isa 25:6-9 (NASB)

The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain;
A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow,
And refined, aged wine.
And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples,
Even the veil which is stretched over all nations.
He will swallow up death for all time,
And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces,
And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth;
For the LORD has spoken.
And it will be said in that day,
“Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”

Describe the hope portrayed in the passage above.

1Th 4:13-14 (NLTSE)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

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“The resurrection of the body, and life everlasting” – this phrase is the foundation of Christian hope, Christian courage and the ordering of the Christian life. Confessing this truth is to place our hope in something VERY SPECIFIC about our future and the future of all creation.

Ro 8:18-25 (NASB)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

****It's what you're hoping for and what you hope in
that drives everything about how you're living your life.****

- SYMMETRY (Balance): Some of us are putting undue hope on things that can't deliver.
- CLARITY: There's a physical, bodily resurrection.
- COMMUNITY: There's an awareness that drives us to kindness and compassion because we know that all of us are eternal beings.
- COUNSEL: Since we are eternal creatures, then we take seriously the eternity of our souls. The engine that begins to drive the activity of your life is now no longer a misplaced hope but a mighty placed ultimate hope in what Christ has done for us in the cross.