

BIG GOD

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Exploring The Foundations of Our Faith, Part 1

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thinking rightly about GOD and how that affects everything.

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I believe...

I show my faith by what I'm committed to and how I live that commitment

I show my faith by what I lean on most, where I put my trust.

"be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." **Mat. 9:22** NLT

I Believe In God... which God? All the same? Higher power?

God revealed in the Bible, both Testaments

"The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made." **Psalms 145:8-9**

The Three-In-One God

"baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" **Matthew 28:19**

John 10:30; Mat. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 3:17; 1 Cor. 8:6; John 14:16-17, 26; Col. 2:9; John 1:1-14; Gen. 1:26; Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Pet. 1:2

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
2 Corinthians 13:14 NLT

I Believe in God The Father

"Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" **John 20:17**

"I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."
John 17:26 NLT

Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15-17; Gal. 4:6; 1 John 3:1; Eph. 1:5

"the Father himself loves you" **John 16:27**

I Believe in God The Father Almighty

Triune God is Almighty God. He's King. Sovereign. Only.

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." **Revelation 4:11**

"The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths." **Psalms 135:6**

Rev. 1:8; Gen. 17:1; 1 Chr. 29:12; 2 Chr. 25:8; Job 26:12; Ps. 62:11; 65:6; 91:1; 93:4; 115:3; 135:6; Is. 43:13; Rom. 16:25, 27; Mat. 19:26; Mk. 14:36; Rev. 4:8; 11:17; 21:22

"For nothing will be impossible with God." **Luke 1:37**

Maker of heaven and earth

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

What is clear from Genesis 1 is that their main aim is to tell us not how the world was made but WHO MADE IT!

- It establishes the **Creator-creature** equation. (Rom. 1:24-25)
- It keeps us from **making God in our image**. (Gen. 1:26-27)
- It shows **who everything orbits around**. (Rom. 11:36)

Gen. 1:1; 2:7; Heb. 11:3; 3:4; Jer. 10:12; Psalm 19:1; 24: 1-2; 33:6; 54:4; 95:4; 74:16, 17; 95:5; Is. 45:12; Acts 17:28; James 1:18; Rev. 4:11

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." **Romans 11:36**