

The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith

PART ONE: WHO IS GOD? 09.15.19

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator 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 to the dead. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there, He shall 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

WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW THE “BASICS?”

1. What we _____ has vital, eternal consequences
2. The _____ is our starting point, our checkpoint, and the final authority

“Scripture is the starting point of doctrine, and Scripture is the judge of doctrine.”

THE DOCTRINE OF GOD – 2 QUESTIONS

1. Who is God?

God is _____; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

→ Holy, Eternal, Personal & Love

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 28:19

2. What is God like?

God is perfect in _____, _____, and in His _____

→ *“In every way, God is a perfect kind of thing.”* Phil Tallon

a. God can _____ anything

“How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!” Psalm 147:5

b. God _____ everything

“God... knows everything.” 1 John 3:20

c. God will always do what is _____

“You are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

THIS MEANS WE CAN FULLY _____

- He knows us _____
- He loves us _____

GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

1. _____ revelation – God reveals Himself through nature or natural means

“For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.” Romans 1:20

- a. Outwardly through the created order
- b. Inwardly through the universal presence of human conscience

2. _____ revelation – God reveals Himself through miraculous or supernatural means – physical appearances, dreams, visions, angels, the prophets, the Bible, and His Son, Jesus Christ

“Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.”
1 Timothy 3:16

- a. Through the revelation of Holy Scripture
- b. Through the revelation of God’s Son, Jesus Christ