

The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith

WHAT DID GOD MAKE? 09.22.19

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 **BELIEVE** has vital, eternal consequences
2. The **BIBLE** is our starting point, our checkpoint, and the final authority

THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

Q. #1 – Who is God?

Answer: God is **HOLY TRINITY**; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Q. #2 - What is God like?

Answer: God is perfect in **POWER, KNOWLEDGE**, and in His **HOLY LOVE**

THE DOCTRINE OF CREATION

Q. #1 – What did God make?

Q. #2 – Why is there evil?

WHAT DID GOD MAKE?

God spoke _____ into being,

by His own _____, and it was _____

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GOD MADE THE WORLD & EVERYTHING IN IT

1. By His _____ = "first cause"
"In the beginning God created...then God said...Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!" Genesis 1:1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 31
"God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him." John 1:3
"Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with your hands." Psalm 102:25
2. From _____ = "ex nihilo" ["out of nothing"]
"The LORD merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born." Psalm 33:6
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3. Because He _____ = "free choice"
"When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?" Psalm 8:3-4
"You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased." Revelation 4:11
4. And it gave Him great _____ = "very good"
"The LORD takes pleasure in all he has made!" Psalm 104:31
"We matter so much to God that He is constantly thinking about us." Phil Tallon
5. God _____ everything by His powerful word
"You alone are the LORD. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all." Nehemiah 9:6
Christ is the visible image of the invisible God... through him God created everything... He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together." Colossians 2:15-17