



The Creed: First Article (I)

Lesson 5

I BELIEVE
IN ONE GOD...



MEMORY (pg. 9; green catechism)

The First Article

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them;

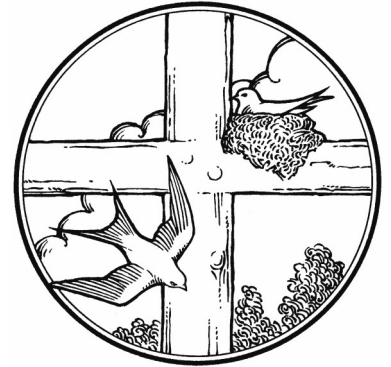
also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I to support this body and life;

that He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil;

and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him

This is most certainly true.



I believe that God has made me and all creatures.

RESPOND

All catechism students

- Catechism Family Devotions
- Attend Divine Service and Sunday School
- Read memory work aloud 3 times a day in the morning and in the evening every day this week
- Review the lesson this review sheet

First year students

- Complete Quiz 5A in the online classroom

Second year students

- Read Questions 100-115 in *A Short Explanation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism* (pg. 90ff).
- Complete Quiz 5B in the online classroom

Third year students

- Read *Luther's Large Catechism* pg. 81-84 (through paragraph 18). Complete Quiz 5C in the online classroom

Psalm	139
Reading	Gen. 1:1-31; 2:1-7
Catechism Hymn	541

QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK...

Review—The Creed: First Article (I)

The second Chief Part of the Catechism deals with the content of the Christian faith.

Creed comes from the Latin word *credo*, which means, “I believe.”

The Creed is a summary of the Bible’s teaching concerning God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Creed is an expansion on the name of God given in the Baptismal formula.



So far we have heard the first part of Christian doctrine. We have seen all that God wants us to do or not to do. Now there properly follows the Creed, which sets forth to us everything that we must expect and receive from God.

But why do bad things happen to good people? The better question is, “Why don’t bad things happen more often?”



Notes

The catechism divides the Creed into three articles, following the work of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity:

1. Father—Creation
2. Son—Redemption
3. Holy Spirit—Sanctification

Although, the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification is not limited to the individual person, but is the work of the entire Trinity.

The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed tells us what kind of God we have with the name “Father.”

The Almighty Father is known by His creation. He is a creating God.

The Creed is a personal confession of faith.



But what is the force of this, or what do you mean by these words, “I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?” Answer: “This is what I mean and believe, that I am God’s creature. I mean that He has given and constantly preserves for me my body, soul, and life, my members great and small, all my senses, reason, and understanding, and so on. He gives me food and drink, clothing and support, wife and children, domestic servants, house and home, and more. Besides, He causes all created things to serve for the uses and necessities of life. These include the sun, moon, and stars in the heavens, day and night, air, fire, water, earth, and whatever it bears and produces. They include birds and fish, beasts, grain, and all kinds of produce. They also include whatever else there is for bodily and temporal goods, like good government, peace, and security.”

All of creation is ordered for the life and the good of mankind.

In addition to creating all things, God continues to provide for and preserve all things.

The Almighty power of God prevents evil.