

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about the First Article of The Apostles' Creed *

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given to me and still sustains my body and soul, my senses and all my members, my reason and all the powers of my soul. I believe that He gives me food and clothing, home and family, and all material blessings; that He daily provides abundantly for all the needs of my life, protects me from all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil. I believe that He does this because of His fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this I should thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

153 How does God control all things?

God directs all things according to His wise and perfect will. Although God's ways are not always clear to me, I am told in the Bible that they are always the best.

Romans 8:28 ... we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Psalms 91:11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways ...

154 What do you and all other human beings deserve because of the fall?

I deserve God's wrath and condemnation.

Ezekiel 18:4b The soul who sins is the one who will die

Romans 5:18a ... the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men ...

155 What then has God done for you?

God in love has sent His one and only son, Jesus Christ, to be my Savior, to save me from my sin and God's wrath and condemnation.

John 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Ephesians 1:4 ... he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight ...

2 Timothy 1:9 [God] has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time ...

156 What is God's purpose for you and the world?

God's purpose is to recreate His image in me and to make a new heaven and a new earth.

A Verse to Remember

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:31-33 ESV

* in the *Explanation of Luther's Small Catechism*.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

