

HOME TALK

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



Talking about the Second Article of The Apostles' Creed *

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, dead, and 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 whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.



What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought and freed me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil - not with silver and gold, but with His

holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death - in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

157 What do you mean when you say "I believe in Jesus Christ"?

When I say I believe in Jesus Christ, I mean that I am assured by God in my heart that Jesus Christ alone is my Savior. In Him I have eternal life and He is my Lord to whom I owe allegiance.

John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

158 What is the main teaching of the Second Article?

The Second Article teaches me about Jesus Christ and all His sufferings to save me from the guilt of sin, from death, and from the power of the devil.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

A Verse to Remember

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John 17:3 ESV

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

