

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.

178 How are you saved?

I am saved by God's gift of faith to me. This saving faith was first given to me when I was baptized and continues to be given to me by God's Spirit through the Word as I repent of my sin and trust Jesus alone for my salvation.

Acts 2:21 ... everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 16:31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

179 What blessings come to you because you are redeemed by Christ?

Jesus Christ has bought and freed me from the power of sin, death, and Satan, and has made me an heir of eternal life.

Colossians 1:13-14 He [God] has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

180 What did Christ do when He redeemed you from sin?

1. He took on Himself my guilt and the punishment for my sin.

Galatians 3:13a - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us

2. He broke the power of sin so it should no longer dominate my life.

Romans 6:14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

3. He promised that someday I will be free from the presence of sin.

1 John 3:2b ...we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.



A Verse to Remember

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

John 17:3 ESV

* in the *Explanation of Luther's Small*

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

