Series: Know What You Believe

Message: "I Believe...in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth"

Texts: Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:22-30; Ephesians 2:18-22, 3:14-21; Hebrews 12:4-11; James 1:16-18

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:22-30; Call to Worship: Special

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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

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,1

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Introduction: Remember Pisteuō

I. The Father

The Jewish culture saw fathers as both the authoritative of the family, and the blessed for their needs. Both of these are also ascribed to God in this title
The Father shows to sinners (Luke 6:27-36)
The Father shows to the unrighteous (Matthew 5:43-45)
The Father sins (Mark 11:25)
The Father knows and meets our (Matthew 6:8, 32)
The Father blesses with good (Matthew 7:9-12)
The Father gives us his, which implies salvation (Luke 12:27-32)

¹ The term "catholic" here means "universal."

II. The	Almighty		
٠	Both the Old Testament and the New Testament declare the of God God is able to do anything and everything within his holy will (Psalm 115:3; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Revelation 1:8)		
	Our God calls himself "The" (Genesis 17:1; Genesis 35:11; Exodus 6:3)		
	Nothing is too for our Almighty God (Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17)		
	Nothing is for our Almighty God (Luke 1:37; Matthew 19:26)		
	Our Almighty God can do things that are beyond our (Ephesians 3:20)		
	Our Almighty God is both and eternal (Revelation 4:8; 11:16-17)		
	Our Almighty God is and true in all he does (Revelation 15:3; 16:7)		
	Our Almighty God is the of all creation (Amos 4:13)		
III. The Creator			
	God is the creator of and (Genesis 14:19, 22; Acts 14:15-17)		
	God, the creator, is to be (Psalm 33:1, 8-9)		
ū	God's creation puts his, understanding and knowledge on display (Proverbs 3:19-20)		
	Creation reveals God's (Psalm 24:1-2; 33:6, 9)		
	Creation reveals God's (Nehemiah 9:5-6; Psalm 19:1-4)		
	Creation reveals God's (Psalm 8)		
	As Creator, God sustains (Psalm 36:6; 104; Job 33:4; Colossians 1:15-17)		
Conclusion: Believing These Things is Important			
	od Extravagantly ~ Love People with Humility ~ Mentor Others to do the Same		
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The following steps and questions are designed to help you incorporate what you're learning this week into your Christian Faith.

- 1. Read or recite the Apostles' Creed every single day while we are going through this exercise
- 2. Take the credal topic for this week (i.e., Faith) and study it in your personal bible time every single day -- and if you need help knowing how to do that, don't hesitate to ask for assistance.
- 3. Consider the following questions:
 - a. If this statement is true, what does that mean for my confidence in Christ as my Savior and King?
 - b. If this statement is true, what does that mean for my testimony -- my life story that I share with others so they know Christ better?
 - c. If this statement is true, how does that move me closer to finding my identity in Christ alone?
 - d. If this statement is true, what does it tell me about God's love for me and my part in his mission to reach the world with the gospel?