

ENGAGING THE HEART

What Do You Believe?

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Part 7: The Price of the Promise

1 Peter 1:18-21

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 into 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, universal Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

"I believe." As we began learning last fall, it's a phrase we use in so many areas of our lives, from opinions about the outcome of athletic events to our relationship with God; from things of little consequence or importance to matters of great and eternal significance.

In this series we have acknowledged, when it comes to faith, that the most important element is the *object* of our faith. The amount of faith we have is significant, but only after we have determined the trustworthiness of the object of our faith.

The Apostles' Creed is a very important resource for those pursuing ultimate realities because it is a summary of the Object of our spiritual faith. It is a summary of what the Bible teaches, a summary of essential Truth about who God is and His activity in this world—specifically His work of amazing grace on our behalf. Authentic followers of Christ of all cultures and generations hold these convictions in common.

We have examined what authentic belief looks like: it involves the *mind* (recognition of the Truth about the Object of my faith); the *emotions* (embracing the relevance of the Object of my faith to my need); and the *will* (actually relying on God with my actions). In other words, my entire being, my whole heart is to be engaged in my faith walk with God!

We also looked at the question, "In a world of so much pain and so little time, why study such an old document like *The Apostles' Creed*?" As our society casts away more and more of its reference points and restraints, the fangs of sin and its effects are more exposed. The result is people who are in great pain and need. So we tend to think the priority is our need for comfort and freedom from our sin, etc., not Truth. What we forget is that for us to receive the comfort and the freedom, we must drink from the well of Truth!

Having reflected on God the Father, we have turned our attention to God the Son, Jesus Christ. Today we will look at the importance and the relevance of the historical reality that He "*suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.*" (We will also briefly address the confusing phrase from the Creed: "*He descended into hell.*")

Believing in Christ's suffering and death enables me, as a sinner, to understand and experience two realities:

1. The certainty of a _____ by God

... _____ my sin.

2. The beauty of a _____ by God

... _____ my sin.

FIRST-TIME GUEST?

Please join us in The Open Door Guest Center, located in the upper level of the Worship Center (Rockrimmon) or near the main entrance at Liberty, for light refreshments and an opportunity to meet pastors and staff. They are ready to answer your questions about Woodmen Valley, as well as provide you with a gift bag including a free tape of today's message.

pierced ▶ **Sundays, 6:30 p.m.** ▶ **Stone Chapel** ▶ **"The Power of Crying Out"**
Pierced is a community for the emergent generation focused on bringing hope through honest Truth and genuine connection with God and others. Get connected. Contact us at pierced@woodmenvalley.org or check out our website at piercedchapel.com. Childcare provided.

THIS WEEK AT WVC

Sunday, Jan. 11

State of MOSAIC Address ▶ 8:45 a.m. ▶ Stone Chapel
Friends of Mstyora Meeting ▶ 2 p.m. ▶ Kidz World, Room H

Monday, Jan. 12

MS/Lupus Support Group ▶ 10-11:30 a.m. ▶ Windchime M1

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Hour of Prayer ▶ 7 a.m. ▶ Prayer Chapel
Solomon's Porch (All Singles Gathering) ▶ 6:30 p.m. ▶ Stone Chapel

Wednesday, Jan. 14

JV/Varsity AWANA ▶ 6 p.m. ▶ Rockrimmon Campus
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Choir Rehearsal ▶ 6:45 p.m. ▶ Choir Room
Community Bible Study ▶ 7 p.m. ▶ Windchime M Complex

Thursday, Jan. 15

OTI Gathering for Men ▶ 6:30 a.m. ▶ Student Center
Hour of Prayer ▶ 7 a.m. ▶ Prayer Chapel
Thirsty Thursdays (55Plus) ▶ 10 a.m. ▶ Stone Chapel

Friday, Jan. 16

Career Transition Group ▶ 9 a.m. ▶ Windchime G1

Saturday, Jan. 17

Overcomers Outreach ▶ 5 p.m. ▶ Prayer Chapel
Woodmen Welcome ▶ After 7 p.m. service ▶ Kidz Place

WHAT'S HAPPENING... JANUARY

Pass It On Ministry ▶ We're looking for "like new" beds, linens, dining tables & chairs
Contact passiton@woodmenvalley.org, or 599-8652, x220.

Friends of Mstyora Meeting ▶ This Sunday, Jan. 11 ▶ 2 p.m. ▶ Kidz World, Room H
Find out how to get involved in our ministry in Russia. Everyone welcome!

MS/Lupus Support Group ▶ Monday, Jan. 12 ▶ 10-11:30 a.m. ▶ Windchime M1
Join us as Reg MacDonald discusses, "Adventures Within—Skiing and Other Sports for Handicapped Persons." Facilities are wheelchair-accessible.

Solomon's Porch—All Singles Gathering ▶ Tuesday, Jan. 13 ▶ 6:30 p.m. ▶ Stone Chapel
Join us for an evening of praise and worship with WVC Worship Leader Mark Tedder.

Widows Support Group ▶ Sunday, Jan. 18 ▶ 2 p.m.

For more information and location, contact Pauline at pecramer@adelphia.net.

Freedom from Codependency Workshop ▶ Jan. 20 - March 9 ▶ Kidz World

This workshop is for any adult who wishes to experience healthier relationships and learn more about how codependency, illnesses, addictions and other dysfunctional behaviors affect families. To register, visit woodmenvalley.org.

Habitat Ministry ▶ Wednesday, Jan. 21 ▶ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. ▶ Windchime G1

Want to get involved with Habitat for Humanity? Join us to learn more about our ministry!
For more information, contact wvchapelhabitat@hotmail.com

Discovery Class 1 ▶ Saturday, Jan. 25 ▶ 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ▶ Windchime M3

To register, contact Vickie at vkoepfel@woodmenvalley.org or 599-8652, x261.

Community Group Leader Breakfast ▶ Sat., Jan. 31 ▶ 8-10:15 a.m. ▶ Windchime G3

To register, contact Vickie at vkoepfel@woodmenvalley.org or 599-8652, x261.

ROCKRIMMON COMMUNITY: SATURDAY 5 P.M. 7 P.M. SUNDAY 8:45 A.M. 11 A.M.
LIBERTY COMMUNITY: SUNDAY 8:45 A.M. 11 A.M.
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Our Vision

To launch and strengthen a fleet of Christ-following communities who are compassionately sailing through a turbulent culture toward a deeper amazement of God's grace.