

Study Guide for the Exam on the 1st & 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT
IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

◆ The First Article

CREATION

Know the First Article with the explanation ("What does this mean?")

◆ The Second Article

REDEMPTION

Know the Second Article with the explanation ("What does this mean?")

- ◆ What are the 6 Chief Parts that you are taught from the Catechism? (*Hint: look at the Table of Contents*)
- ◆ Luther divided the Apostles' Creed into three articles. Each one focuses on one person of the Godhead and an article of faith relating to that person—what are they? (*hint: look at the headings for each article in the Catechism pp. 16-17/Old Catechism 15-17.*)
- ◆ Study the Questions in your Catechism related to the First & Second Articles of the Apostles's Creed (New Catechism: Questions #103-185; *Old Catechism: #86-152*)
- ◆ Based on Article 1 of the Creed, what are some of the ways that God provides for us?
- ◆ List the steps in the States of Humiliation and Exaltation according to the Creed. (*You'll find them explained in the Second Article of the A.C., pp. 183-187 {pp. 130-142}. Note especially questions #170 & #173 {128 & 142}.*)
- ◆ Jesus is the Messiah/Christ (which means "Anointed One"). What three Old Testament positions (also called "offices") does Jesus fulfill for us? (*Look at pp. 192-194 {pp. 127-130}.*)
- ◆ **Bible Passages**—know the following Bible passages on the next page covering the first two articles of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

God the Creator

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

– Isaiah 40:28a, 30-31

God the Provider

"For in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things were created through Him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

– Colossians 1:16-17

God the Preserver

"The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him."

– Nahum 1:7

Jesus the Savior

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

– John 3:16

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son , born of a woman, born under the Law , to redeem those who were under the Law so that we might receive adoption as sons."

– Galatians 4:4-5

Jesus the Redeemer

"He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

– Colossians 1:13-14

Jesus is Lord

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

– Joel 2:32

Jesus said, "I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me."

– John 14:6