

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,

maker of heaven and earth,

AND IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again from the
dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated

at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Part 1: I Believe in God the Father

Mark 14:35-36

35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Matthew 6:6-9

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 "This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Matthew 28:18-19

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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Message notes:

This isn't just a document of doctrine, it is a _____ that is alive.

Our confession starts with God _____.

When the Bible speaks of God the Father, it's not trying to be _____. It's speaking of the one who is the source of everything.

You can't _____ the Father without the Son—and you don't know the Son without knowing the Father.

The word father is a _____.

This is a _____ confession. It's not just facts about God—He's my Father.

The word _____ makes everything possible

The earth is full of the _____ of God.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jamie explained the difference between the Apostles' Creed being a living confession versus just being a document of doctrine. Why is this distinction important?
2. The message explains that calling God 'Father' tenderizes our understanding of Him, including ideas of gentleness, kindness, and patience. How has understanding God as Father impacted your personal relationship with Him, especially if you've had challenging experiences with your earthly father?
3. Pastor Jamie points out how Jesus models intimacy with the Father—highlighting their tender relationship with the words 'Abba Father'. How would you describe your relationship with God?
4. The message spoke about the significance of adding 'maker of heaven and earth' to the Apostles' Creed, helping to combat Gnosticism (which taught that physical creation was evil). How does believing that God created everything as good (even though it has been affected by sin) change how you view the physical world around you?
5. Pastor Jamie emphasizes that God's almighty nature is not only about His supreme power but also about His intimate relationship with us as a loving Father. How does viewing God as both Almighty and a loving Father influence your trust in Him during challenging times?

Ministry Time:

The message pointed out how your relationship with your earthly Father can impact how you relate to God as Father. Pray for anyone who is struggling to relate to God as a good Father.

In Mark 14 Jesus cried out to the Father, stating 'everything is possible for you... Yet not what I will, but what you will.' Pray for anyone who is in a difficult situation. Give those situations over to the Father Almighty, and seek His will in them.