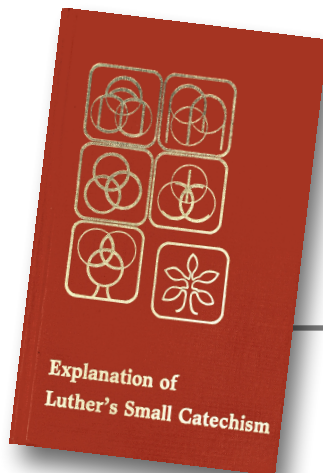


HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about

The First Article of the Creed

Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given to me and still sustains my body and soul, my senses and all my members, my reason and all the powers of my soul. I believe that He gives me food and clothing, home and family, and all material blessings; that He daily provides abundantly for all the needs of my life, protects me from all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil. I believe that He does this because of His fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this I should thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

152 How does God preserve you and all His other creatures?

God cares for me and all His other creatures as a loving Father.

Psalm 145:15-16 "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing."

Matthew 5:45b "...For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

153 How does God control all things?

God directs all things according to His wise and perfect will. Although God's ways are not always clear to me, I am told in the Bible that they are always the best.

Romans 8:28 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Psalm 91:11 "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

