

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.

154 What do you and all other human beings deserve because of the Fall?

I deserve God's wrath and condemnation.

Ezekiel 18:4b "...the soul who sins shall die."

Romans 5:18a "Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men..."

155 What then has God done for you?

God has in love sent His one and only son, Jesus Christ, to be my Savior, to save me from my sin and God's wrath and condemnation.

John 3:17 "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Ephesians 1:4 "...even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."

2 Timothy 1:9 "...[God] who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began..."

156 What is God's purpose for you and the world?

God's purpose is to recreate His image in me and to make a new heaven and a new earth.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

