

HOME TALK

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

Talking about

The First Article of the Creed

Redemption

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into 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 whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, bought and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil-not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death-in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

193 What are five stages in the exaltation of Christ?

Five stages in the exaltation of Christ are: 1) His descent in to hell*; 2) His resurrection; 3) His ascension; 4) His mediation at the right hand of God the Father; 5) His second coming.

194 Why did Christ descend into hell*?

Christ descended into hell to announce the victory He had won over death and Satan (1Peter 3:18-19).

* *Hell*, as used here does not refer to the place of final punishment. It refers rather to Hades, a place for the spirits of the dead between death and final punishment or reward.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

