

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.



198 What does the Bible teach about Jesus' ascension into heaven?

The Bible teaches that Jesus, as God, and also as a human being visibly and bodily left the earth as our forerunner and took His place at the right hand of God the Father.

Acts 1:11 "...and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Hebrews 9:24 "For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf."

199 What does the Bible teach about Jesus sitting at the right hand of God the Father?

The Bible teaches that Jesus, as God, as our representative, shares God's power and glory, rules all things, prays for us, and with the Father sends us the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 3:22 "...[Jesus] who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

