



“Maker of Heaven and Earth”

14 Reasons Creeds Are Important: (2) Christians are _____ people.

“Each stanza of the Apostles’ Creed begins with the Latin word, *credo*, “I believe.” ...Christians are a believing people, and they place their belief in the objective truth claims of the scriptures.” (Albert Mohler, *The Apostles’ Creed*)

“I believe. These two words are among the most explosive words any human can utter. They open the door to eternal life and are the foundation of the Christian faith. Belief stands as the very center of Christian faithfulness and is where Christianity begins for the Christian. We enter the faith and find eternal life in Christ by responding to the truth with trust – that is, with belief.” (Albert Mohler, *The Apostles’ Creed*)

“Christians believe that everything that exists traces its existence and its reality to the sovereign act of God the Father Almighty – maker of heaven and earth.” (Albert Mohler, *The Apostles’ Creed*)

Who created?

- The _____ God created (Genesis 1:1-31, 2:4, Exodus 20:11, 2 Kings 19:15, 2 Chronicles 2:12, Nehemiah 9:6, Psalm 121:2, Isaiah 37:16, Jeremiah 32:17).
 - God is _____, existing prior to creation.
 - God is _____, not bound by the heavens and the earth.
 - God is _____, speaking creation into existence.
 - God is _____, not relying on anything in creation.

What did God create?

- God created the _____ and the _____, and his glory is in it all (Genesis 1:1).
- God created man in his own _____ “imago dei” (Genesis 1:26-27, 9:6).

When and where did God create?

- God is _____ of time, space, and matter.
- God created _____ at a particular _____, and he created _____ for the matter to exist. (Genesis 1:1)

How did God create?

- God created by the power of his _____ (Genesis 1:3, 1:6, 1:9, 1:11, 1:14, 1:20, 1:24, 1:26).
- God’s Word is the perfect representation of his _____ and his _____ (John 1:1-3, Revelation 4:11, Colossians 1:15-16).

Why did God create?

- The entire created order exists for one purpose: to _____ the glory of God through the _____ of sinners through Jesus Christ the Son (Romans 8:22, Revelation 21:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17).
- “In contrast to the secular worldviews, the biblical storyline gives each human life meaning and relevance by rooting us in God’s purpose in creation. Creation is part of a larger story that moves to a culmination of God’s purposes and a complete revelation of his character. This larger story moves along four major epochs: creation, fall, redemption, and consummation—each like a major movement in the grand symphony. We, that is, humanity, are all characters in this story. If our lives are to have proper meaning, we must know our place in the narrative and understand how we can be part of God’s purpose of glorifying himself in creation.” (Albert Mohler, *The Apostles’ Creed*)