



## “Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord”

**14 Reasons Creeds Are Important: (3) Christians are called to give a \_\_\_\_\_ for our hope in Christ.**

“But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.” (1 Peter 3:14-16)

“The true Christian should be, indeed must be, a theologian. He must know at least something of the wealth of truth revealed in the Holy Scriptures. And he must know it with sufficient clarity to state it and defend his statement. And what can be stated and defended is a creed.” (AW Tozer, *The Apostles’ Creed*)

## Jesus Christ

- The name “Jesus” is the Greek version of the Hebrew name “\_\_\_\_\_” which means “\_\_\_\_\_” (Matthew 1:21).
  - Jesus saves his people from \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_, and from \_\_\_\_\_.
- The title “Christ” is the Greek version of the Hebrew title “\_\_\_\_\_” which means “\_\_\_\_\_” (Matthew 1:1).
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- Historically, Christians have been \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to Jesus and the hope of the gospel (John 14:6, Acts 4:8-12, 1 Timothy 2:5 ... Matthew 16:13-16).

## His Only Son

- When we acknowledge Jesus as God’s Son, we are recognizing his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:1-4, Colossians 1:13-20, Hebrews 1:1-3).
  - “And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.” (The Nicene Creed)
- Jesus’ Sonship was a major emphasis of his \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Samuel 7:14 ... Luke 3:21-22, 3:23-28, 4:1-12 ... Mark 1:1, 15:39 ... Romans 1:4).
- Jesus is not an \_\_\_\_\_, nor is he a \_\_\_\_\_ being, nor is he a man who became a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Our Lord

- The lordship of Jesus is an unshakeable \_\_\_\_\_ irrespective of our submission to his lordship.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus is fundamentally tied to his lordship (Luke 2:11).
- The resurrection of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his identity as Lord (Acts 2:36).
- Our salvation is tied to a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9).
- Christian \_\_\_\_\_ requires obedience to Jesus as Lord (Luke 6:46-49).
- The end will be marked with a \_\_\_\_\_ recognition of Jesus as Lord (Philippians 2:11).

“Heresies will come and go. Trials will come and go. But the church of the Lord Jesus will remain. His lordship endures even though we struggle to fully embrace his sovereignty in our every circumstance. But a day is coming when every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess ‘that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father’ (Phil. 2:11). And we are saved because, and only because, of Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.” (Albert Mohler, *The Apostles’ Creed*)