## **Renew: What Do Christians Believe?**

New Creation



I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

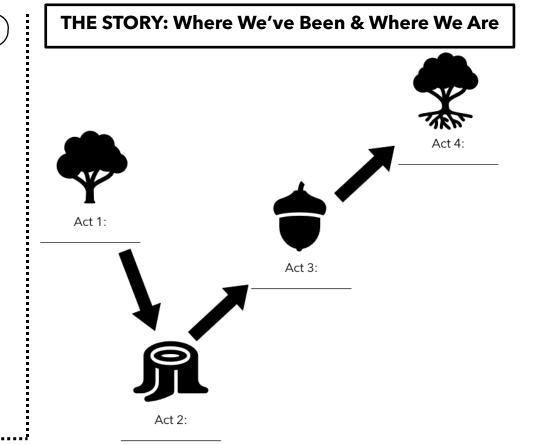
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only
Son, our Lord.
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He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church\*, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



# **BASIC QUESTIONS**

1. WHEN?	
2a. WHAT (DOES IT INCLUDE)?	

2b. WHAT (IS IT LIKE)?
3. WHY?
3. WHI:
4. HOW & WHO?
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Question:
Question.
Answer:

## **Q&A Session**

Use the space provided below to take notes during the Question & Answer Session.

# **Weekly Devotions**

Over the course of the next three weeks, complete the devotions listed below by reading the assigned Scripture, answering the questions that follow, and praying in line with what you learned. Each devotion should take no more than 15 minutes. Consider using the **ReadScripture** app to assist you.

(The questions are based on the English Standard Version of the Bible)

### Week 1: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15

- 1. In these verses, how does the Apostle Paul describe the past, present, and future aspects of our salvation?
- 2. What work does the Holy Spirit perform in this salvation? What are we called to do?
- 3. What does this teach you about God?
- 4. What does this teach you about yourself (sinful attitudes/behaviors to confess and repent of, a need that you have, a way in which you need to grow/change, etc.)
- 5. Using what you learned, spend 5 minutes in prayer 1) adoring God for who He is, 2) thanking Him for what He's done, 3) depending on what you learned about yourself, asking Him for assistance, forgiveness, strength, etc., 4) and praising God for the assurance and love you have through the Gospel.

#### Week 2: 2 Peter 3:1-13

- 1. What explanation does Peter give to the person who wonders why Christ hasn't returned yet to make all things new?
- 2. How does Peter describe the transformation of the heavens and the earth? How should this truth affect the way we live?
- 3. What does this teach you about God?
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#### **Week 3: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

- 1. According to these verses, which followers of Jesus receive gifts from the Holy Spirit? What is the purpose of these gifts?
- 2. What kind of gift do you believe the Holy Spirit has given you? Are you using it the way God intends? Why or why not?
- 3. What does this teach you about God?
- 4. What does this teach you about yourself (sinful attitudes/behaviors to confess and repent of, a need that you have, a way in which you need to grow/change, etc.)
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### Resources

#### **Books**

- What Christians Ought to Believe Michael F. Bird
- Systematic Theology Wayne Grudem
- <u>Bible Doctrine</u> Wayne Grudem
- From Creation to New Creation Tim Chester
- <u>Joy Unspeakable: Power & Renewal in the Holy Spirit</u> Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
- <u>Union with Christ: The Way to Know & Enjoy God</u> Rankin Wilbourne
- Surprised by Hope N.T. Wright

#### **Articles**

- <a href="https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/topics/holy-spirit/">https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/topics/holy-spirit/</a>
- <a href="https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/already-not-yet">https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/already-not-yet</a>
- https://www.cru.org/content/dam/cru/legacy/2012/02/A Theology of Cities.pdf
- https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/columns/detrinitate/the-holy-spirit-the-forgotten-lord-and-giver-of-life/
- https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/become-who-you-already-are
- https://www.thomasnelsonbibles.com/blog/the-holy-spirit-in-the-old-testament/

### Video/Audio

- God's Spirit in Creation Bible Project
- The Theme of "The City" in the Bible Bible Project
- What is Heaven Like? Truth Unites
- Systematic Theology Lectures 9-14 & 19-26 Dr. Bruce Ware for BiblicalTraining.org

<sup>\*</sup>In this context, "catholic church" simply refers to the one universal body of Christian believers from all over the world and throughout time. It is not referring to the institution of the Roman Catholic Church as it is known today, which did not exist when the Apostles' Creed first originated.