

Sunday school memory work – Fourth Grade

(Learning the Apostle’s Creed and Explanation)

THE FIRST ARTICLE

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE, PARAGRAPH 1

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses and still takes care of them.

EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE, PARAGRAPH 2

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals and all that I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE, PARAGRAPHS 3, 4 and 5

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this, it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE

And 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day, he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE, PARAGRAPH 1

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is My Lord,

EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE, PARAGRAPH 2

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE, PARAGRAPHS 3, 4 and 5

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

EXPLANATION TO THE THIRD ARTICLE, PARAGRAPH 1

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot, by own reason or strength, believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

EXPLANATION TO THE THIRD ARTICLE, PARAGRAPHS 2 and 3

In the same way, he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church, He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

EXPLANATION TO THE THIRD ARTICLE, PARAGRAPH 4 and 5

On the Last Day, He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.