

COMMON CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

This article is a compilation of different affirmations of faith typical of the beliefs of most Christians. The affirmations used here are from parts of “The Nicene Creed”, “The Apostles’ Creed” and “A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church.”

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only begotten Son, our Lord, true God from true God, Light from Light, begotten, not made, God manifest in the flesh, of one Being with the Father, through Him all things were made. He is our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven and became truly human (fully human, yet fully God), by being conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell to the dead. On the third day He rose from the dead in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who is God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic (universal) church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service, and we believe in the communion of saints.

We acknowledge baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and believe in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the resurrection of the body from the dead, in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the new world to come and our life everlasting.

By far this is not all that Christians believe, but it is a good summary. To get a more complete understanding of what a Christian is to believe, read the Holy Bible - especially the New Testament.