

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Luther's Small Catechism | Lesson 14: I Believe

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Triune God

118. What do we mean when we say that God is triune?
Deuteronomy 6:4 Matthew 28:19 (see also: *1 Corinthians 8:4, John 10:30, Genesis 1:26, Matthew 3:16–17, John 15:26, and 2 Corinthians 13:14*)
119. Though we can't comprehend this great truth, why do we believe that God is triune? *John 17:17 Isaiah 55:9 1 John 5:20* (see also: *Jeremiah 10:7, 1 Corinthians 2:13, and 1 John 5:20*)
120. What does the Bible reveal about the characteristics of God?
John 4:24 Psalm 42:2 Isaiah 6:3 Malachi 3:6 Psalm 90:2 Genesis 17:1 John 21:17 Jeremiah 23:24 1 John 4:8 (see also: *Psalm 139:1–4, Psalm 139:7–8, and Psalm 103:8*)
121. Why is it so important that we teach the doctrine of the Trinity?
Psalm 49:7–8 John 3:16 John 14:6 John 5:23 (see also: *Acts 4:12 and 2 Corinthians 5:21*)

Matthew 3:1–17

1. What are some of the places in our worship services where we are reminded that God is triune?

For further discussion...

2. Before Luther, the Creed was generally divided into twelve articles. Why do you think Luther chose to divide it into only three? What advantages or disadvantages are there in dividing it so?

Recommended memory work: The First Article of the Apostles' Creed

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Creation

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.