

## Part 2: The Creed.

### **The First Article**

(Concerning God the Father, and Creation)

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

*What is meant by this?*

I believe that God has made me and all other creatures; that He has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses; and that He daily provides me with food and clothing, home and house, family, land, cattle and all that I need for this body and life; protects me and guards me, and keeps me from all evil. All of which He does without any merit or worthiness in me, but out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy. For all which I am in duty bound to thank, praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

### **The Second Article**

(Concerning the Son of God and Redemption)

**I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

*What is meant by this?*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true Man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold and silver, but with His holy and precious blood, and with His innocent sufferings and death, in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### **The Third Article**

(Concerning the Holy Ghost and Sanctification)

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

*What is meant by this?*

I believe that I cannot of my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me by His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith, even as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the true faith; in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins; and at the last day, will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

### **Nicene Creed:**

“We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of god, begotten of the Father before all ages, God of god, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.”