

27. With God's Help

The author has included in this chapter the words of the Apostles' Creed. Many churches around the world incorporate some form of this creed in their worship service or some part of their tradition.

The entire Apostles' Creed is given here; practice reading it aloud and think about the meaning of the various phrases.

Does it reflect your belief system or doctrine? Does it strengthen or empower your faith as you recite its words?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 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 [or entire] Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

28. Wind

Look back at the list of the effects of the Spirit according to Paul. Can you think of some places in your life where you have seen the Spirit at work, some instances where you saw these effects happening in your life or the lives around you?