
The Apostles Creed

MODIFIED BY THE AMERICAN CHURCH

1. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven, earth—and especially me. (Isa. 42:8)
2. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, my magnificent mascot. (Rev. 5:13)
3. I believe in the Holy Ghost, sent to comfort me. (John 15:26)
4. I believe I am the center of things and that the Godhead exists for my happiness and well-being. (Acts 17:28)
5. I believe my prayers should tell the Almighty ways He can fix and improve things to my liking. However, my schedule is important, so that does not leave much time to praise Him. (Heb. 13:15)
6. I believe if Jesus told me to empty every bank account, sell my house and cars, and give it all away, I should tell Him, “No! My religion should bring me more, not less.” (Mark 10:21)
7. I believe if Jesus told me to do something that would be unpatriotic to the nation I love, I would refuse. Jesus is my divine butler, not my King. (John 18:36)
8. I believe if Jesus told me to make Him a higher priority than my family, I would not do it. My family always must come first. (Luke 14:26)
9. I believe if Jesus told me to do something that would bring me physical suffering and even death, I would say, “What are You thinking? I am special, and I deserve good health and a long life.” (Acts 21:13)
10. I believe I should perform religious service because it gets me in better with God. I never have really grasped the gospel and grace alone. (Eph. 2:8–9)
11. I believe revival might be nice, but I don’t want it to change my pleasant life. I just want a strong economy, and I want bad people to behave. (Luke 18:13)
12. I believe I deserve exciting entertainment on Sunday morning. I expect preaching that makes me feel good and music that makes me happy I am a Christian. (2 Tim. 4:3)
13. I believe focusing on me and my life deserves most of my time, so I have outsourced the spiritual leadership of my children to the church. (Deut. 6:7)
14. I believe my children’s trophies and scholarships are more exciting than my children’s kingdom impact. My children are on earth to make me feel proud. (Isa. 43:6–7)
15. I believe it would be great if my neighbors and associates were converted, but I cannot put my income, relaxed schedule, or reputation at risk to go share with them. (Luke 14:23)
16. I believe the gospel should spread worldwide, but I have made no significant change in my standard of living to help fund that effort. (Phil. 3:8)

17. I believe God wants me to feel whole and complete, so He is fine with my favorite overindulgence. I do not understand being satisfied in Christ alone. (Ps. 63:5)
18. I believe we should end abortion, but I have no need to make personal sacrifices for children who are born unwanted. (Matt. 25:45)
19. I believe God is angry about homosexuality, but He just winks when I go online to flirt or look at naked people. (Matt. 5:28)
20. I believe we should end government welfare, but I am not personally involved in financially changing the life situation of someone in genuine need. (1 John 3:17)
21. I believe we should get Bibles back in schools, but I am much too busy to read my own copy during the week. (Rom. 15:14)
22. I believe in spending hours with sports and entertainment, but spending even one hour in prayer sounds strange. (1 Thess. 5:17)
23. I believe, like Adam and Eve, the central issue when I make a decision is me. When realizing that starts to bother me, I just focus more on the bad people. (Gen. 3:6)
24. I believe it would be fine for my children to turn out just like me. And in fact, they already are. (Eph. 6:4)

But what if Jesus appeared right here in front of me? What if He looked through my religious shell and into my soul? What if He used words from Revelation 3:17 and told me I am poor and naked and too blind to see it? What if His Spirit broke through that blindness and opened my eyes? What if He allowed me to see that:

1. Our land faces many threats. But none are as dangerous as self-focused, comfortable Christians who no longer are salt or light. (Matt. 5:13)
2. Jesus doesn't say bad people make Him sick at His stomach. He says I do. (Rev. 3:16)
3. Revelation 3:20 was written to believers. Jesus is saying to me, "I stand at the door and knock." How did He get outside?
4. Christ once was my all. When did I lose my first love? (Rev. 2:4)
5. Am I ready to fully embrace the supreme majesty of King Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the glory of the Father? To declare Him King of kings and Lord of lords? (Col. 1:18)
6. Am I ready to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength? To love others as I love myself? To join the glorious Christ in bringing His kingdom on earth and thus to multiply worshippers for eternity? (Matt. 22:36–39)
7. Am I ready for spiritual awakening—a Christ awakening—to begin in me? (Phil. 2:9–11)

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ"(Phil. 3:7–8, ESV).