

WE Believe...

Father God II

09:55 am **5 Min. Countdown - VIDEO**

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am **LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

*Online Connect Card * -> RightNow Media

10:30 AM ****Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor Self Intro -

The Peak Journey: 9am Sundays @ Balcony - Breakfast & Talk

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - 7/3/2023 - Sam Awuku moving HYBRID / DIGITAL

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday - Breakfast

STAY TUNED : The PEAK Journey next outreach Reschedule Cliff Climbing

Pre-planning HARVEST FEST RIVERFRONT Oct 28th.
Praying, fasting, volunteering. - please reach out evelin@

******RUN #IBelieve VIDEO******

Sign up's @ WELCOME CENTER

-ALL OUTREACHES-

Looking for MultiMedia – Livestream (content)/ Administrative -

Business management /

Children's ministries – young adults

What is it that we(Christians) believe??

Half truths being tweeted out by the thousands of people... pictures, whose stories are altered by photoshop or misrepresented by twisted words that would feed a desired narrative...

What do you believe?? How Why.... DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

Can you believe it? trust it? Really trust it?



How can you distinguish the TRUTH from the Lies.... How can your truth & my truth be different from the Truth, IF there is only 1 TRUTH??

Post Truth?? Like certain things become true after the fact??

Like Paul who we learned last week .. who thought he was walking righteously as a Jew in truth.... UNTIL he encountered THE TRUTH... & then He was officially WOKE



But then the things you *think* you know because, you've read it in a trust worthy source... *like in school*.... Has been deliberately altered to accommodate someone else's interests.

History books are altered... people rewrite narratives or inject personal opinions, view points... & pass them off as FACTS... & or just purposely kill truth in history by silencing it & not speaking of it.

There's Truth that can disappear into the shadows of history whenever we silence it.

What's our TRUTH as a family?

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ?? *WHY do we believe it??*

As Christian's, we should ALL be united as ONE in Christ as He is One in the Father!!

Today we are seeing the rapid decline of the church all over the Western world. The philosophies of the day have infiltrated the pulpits

This decline has come about largely as a result of the church's acceptance of the day's philosophies, evolution, and thousands of years of influence.

And there has been an appeal to the church to accept the philosophy of the day, this is not new to modern times.

The Apostle Paul understood the challenge that philosophy or "fake news" posed to the church in his day.

****1 Tim 4: 1-3** NKJV

4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, ³ forbidding

to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.¹

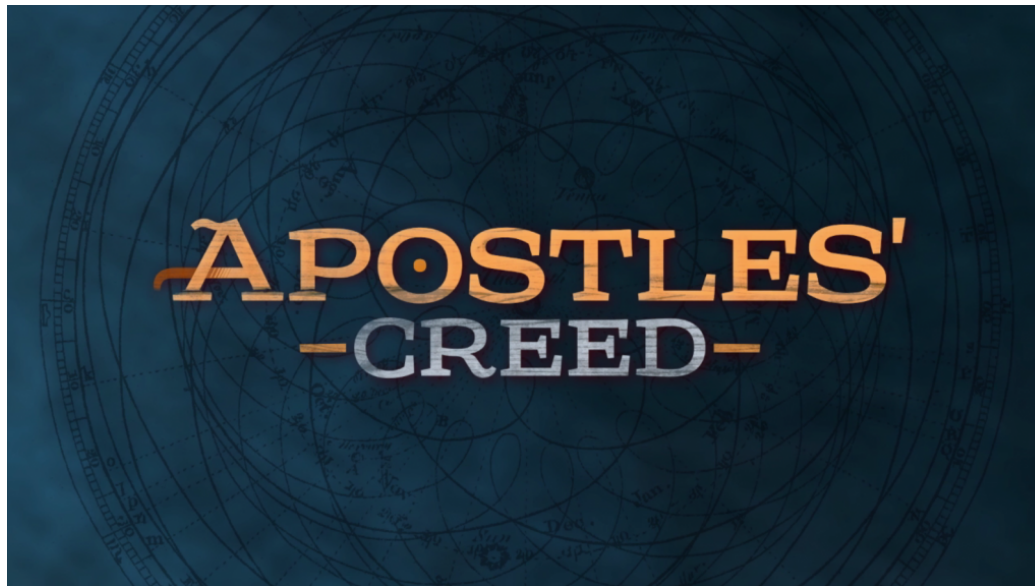
⁶ If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. ⁷ But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.²

Those early church Fathers sat down to write a doctrine that would *contain a brief summary of their teachings. About 115 years after the ascension on Jesus...*

They wrote what has become to be known as **The Apostles Creed**

¹ [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (1 Ti 4:1–3). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

² [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (1 Ti 4:6–7). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.



Albert Mohler Jr. wrote : “All Christians believe more that what’s contained in The Apostles Creed, but NONE can believe less.”

Every major Christian denomination adheres to the words of the creed... From the Orthodox Church, to the Roman Catholic Church, to the Reformed & Protestant Churches ALL have adopted the Apostles Creed in one way or another.

Through the lens of the Apostles Creed we will learn what we as Christians BELIEVE..... & WHY we believe it through the proof of scripture...

O p e n I n g P r a y e r

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy UNIVERSAL catholic* church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places. UNIVERSAL

Now look at your “*other neighbor*” & tell them the Title of this message in our new series

F a t h e r G O D

I Believe.... Those are powerful words **EXPOUND**

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****Proverbs 23:7** NKJV

⁷ For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.³

³ [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Pr 23:7). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

We enter the faith and find eternal life in Christ by responding to the truth of Christ by what we Believe –

There is NO Christianity w/o Belief *it's the essence of FAITH..*

****Romans 10:8-11** NKJV

⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*”⁴

⁴ [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Ro 10:8–11). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

****1 Peter 6-9** NKJV

⁶Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion

A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

⁷Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone,”

⁸ and

“A stone of stumbling

And a rock of offense.”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

The BIBLE is our only sufficient source and unerring rule of faith. We MUST be able to believe it.....

Preach confidence in the BIBLE / God's signature / & Self proclamation

It should be the Christians automatic reflex to always turn to scriptures for teaching, direction, & correction in life.

The Bible has been shown to be w/o error, totally trustworthy & TRUE. When we read the NT, we find a faith that was handed down to the apostles by CHRIST HIMSELF, they were then taught & passed down to us.... 2000 years later.. We still have it along with the scriptures... THIS IS WHAT WE HOLD TRUE!

From the earliest beginnings the church faced the dual challenge of affirming the truth and confronting error.

Christians Must stand firm and stand together on the essential truths of the scripture.

In the *CREDO* we see the very essence & foundation of what the people of God believe. – What they have *always* believed

We do not put our trust & hope in an “ordinary” god, or a worldly god. Or a God that we can’t know and is obscure or foreign to us.

Pop spirituality floods people with self-help conferences, best-selling books, & television talk shows & podcasts.

These fools speak about the supernatural, the sacred, the mystical, they try to speak of what is holy, divine & unconditional, they speak of God in vague, nondescript ambiguous terms as IF HE ISN'T KNOWN....

These evasive, generalized terms for God amount to little more than flimsy idolatries. & it has diluted itself into the modern day church.

Did you know that according to the scriptures, everyone knows that God exists.... even if they claim to reject that knowledge.

****Romans 1:19-23** NKJV

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man⁵

Instead of turning to the God who has revealed himself in creation men make idols for themselves and deny God's very existence... we build altars out of careers & education.... Our Homes & toys..... Man will go and even proclaim atheism by saying God doesn't even exist... just so he could rule his own world w/o convictions.....

a conviction the Bible condemns as *complete foolishness*

****Psalm 14:1-3** NKJV

¹ The fool has said in his heart, "*There is no God.*"

They are corrupt,

⁵ [*The New King James Version*](#). (1982). (Ro 1:18–23). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

They have done abominable works,

There is none who does good.

² The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men,

To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

³ They have all turned aside,

They have together become corrupt;

***There is* none who does good,**

No, not one.⁶

John Calvin described the human heart in its fallen state as a “perpetual factory of idols”

⁶ [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Ps 14:1–3). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

That's why the Christian faith is marked by the *confession of God, the Father Almighty.*

As the Apostles Creed begins

Credo in Deum Patrem Omnipotentem or

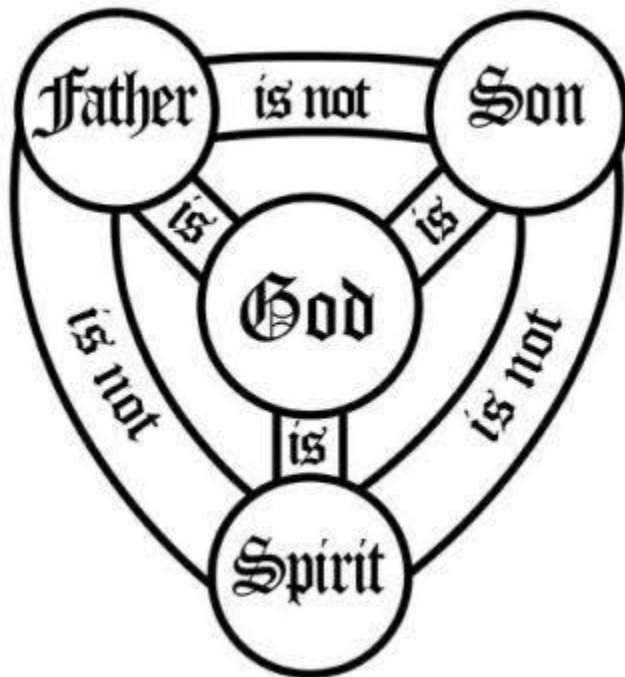
I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY.

The Christian faith is not established on some abstract deity or on “some ordinary god”

The content of the Christian faith begins with the affirmation of the God *who is, who spoke, and who has revealed Himself.*

Do you KNOW your Father?

As we will see & identify this Triune God ... AKA The Holy Trinity



The first Person of the Trinity has revealed Himself as *Father*

He is NOT a force or principal, or a “Higher Power”, He has chosen to reveal Himself as the Father Of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The revelation of God as Father goes all the way back into the Old Testament

****Duet 32:6-7a**

⁵ “They have corrupted themselves;

They are not His children,

Because of their blemish:

A perverse and crooked generation.

⁶ Do you thus deal with the Lord,

O foolish and unwise people?

Is He not your Father, who bought you?

Has He not made you and established you?

⁷ “Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of many generations.⁷

**** Psalm 68:5** NKJV

⁵ A Father of the fatherless, a defender of widows,

But the complete revelation of God as Father only comes with the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The word “Father” doesn’t make us think of some distant, unknowable deity. But a God with whom we have a personal relationship with

⁷ [The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Dt 32:5–7). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

****Matthew 6:9-10** NKJV

⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

But He's not just revealed as our Father.... He's our Father *ALMIGHTY*

El Shaddai, the God who is ALL POWERFUL

This is a title that represents all of God's attributes;

Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Self-Existing, Immutable

Expound

Id like to ask if there is anyone here who does not yet know the Lord and wants to receive His Grace this morning?

Have you recognized Him as your Father... Does your soul feel orphaned?

Come up here... right here, we'll make room.... This will be quick... everyone else.... Prayerful...

Closing Prayer:

***“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”***

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!