



I Believe in God the Father

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SET THE SCENE

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**Barna Research Group
estimates that there are more than
45,000
Christian denominations worldwide.**

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**NON-DENOMINATIONAL
VS.
CREEDAL**

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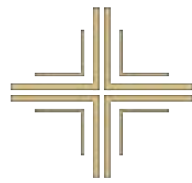
relating to a statement of Christian belief.

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Denominations & Doctrinal Focus

- 1. Baptists - Doctrinal focus on believer's baptism*
- 2. Presbyterians - Doctrinal focus on the sovereignty of God*
- 3. Methodists - Doctrinal focus on the need for holiness and spiritual growth*

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“The Apostles’ Creed is a summary of what the Bible teaches, a narrative of God’s redemptive love, and a concise statement of basic Christianity. All Christians believe more than is contained in the Apostles’ Creed, but none can believe less.”

Albert Mohler

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“The New Testament refers to authentic Christianity as ‘the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints’ (Jude 3). Real Christianity is Christianity resting on truth—a faith of definite beliefs cherished by believers throughout the ages and once for all given to the church.”

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“As Christians, we believe what the apostles believed. We want to hand that same faith to the next generation.”

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

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STUDY THE TEXT

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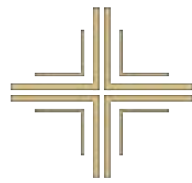
Textual Commentary:

1. The Bible clearly teaches that every human is accountable for knowing God.
2. Being able to observe reality and all of that has been created, humans are "without excuse" when it comes to knowing God.
3. When we fail to recognize God as God, we give God's glory to idols.

Romans 1:18-23

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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Textual Commentary:

1. We serve a good God who cares if our hearts are troubled!
2. God wants us to be with him.
3. To know Jesus is to know the Father.

John 14:1-7

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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1. **Recite** what you believe to build clarity and increase devotion. This will also strengthen your evangelism.
2. When practicing evangelism, **point to creation** (heaven and earth) as a REASON to believe. Do not hide your belief that God created the world!
3. **Talk to God (prayer)** as though he is a Father who wants you to be nearby.

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ANTHROPIC CONSTANTS:

1. *Gravitational force constant*
2. *Electromagnetic force constant*
3. *Average distance between galaxies*
4. *Velocity of light constant*
5. *Decay rate of protons*

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