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Sound and Timelessness Christian Creeds And Developing a Practical, Personal Working Creed

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." – Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

The following is the result of a discipling exercise with a fellow follower of Christ. As we were studying GOD's Word, we challenged each other to develop a personal, practical creed. As you may know, a *creed* is a set of beliefs or aims which guide someone's actions. We began by reviewing two of the most notable Christian creeds:

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father; God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, one in being with the Father.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Next, we each developed a personal creed for living life this side of eternity. The following is mine, and I encourage you to develop your own. I admittedly fall short, which leaves me in a state of perpetual brokenness and dependence on the Holy Spirit – "blessed are the poor in spirit," as Jesus shared in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3).

My Personal Creed

[Based on my understanding of God's Word, His Character, and what He expects of me.]

I believe in one God Who exists in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer of my life, that He died for me and is now seated at the right hand of His Father in Heaven, having paid the penalty in full for all my sin as well as the sins of every human being who has ever lived or ever will live. I believe I did not, nor can I, earn salvation or God's approval through any action on my part. I believe Jesus loves me and intercedes for me continually before His Father. I believe His Holy Spirit now lives in me, guiding me and protecting me as I walk through this life. My life is fully committed to Jesus, and I endeavor to make every decision based on that commitment; to live my life with Jesus at the helm, pursuing His interests and purposing to submit my will to His; to love Him

with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love every other human being as myself. I believe that judgment will come and that He will bring it to every human being, to those who live for themselves in eternal condemnation, and to those of us who live for Him not in condemnation but in weighing the quality of our works in this life. I believe I live to bring glory to God and that by living in accordance with His Word and finishing this life well, I will bring glory to Him and spend eternity enjoying Him forever. Amen.

Self-Reflection: Does my walk, how I live life, accurately reflect my *Practical Working Creed*? If not, why not? What must I change to align my life with my creed? What steps can I take to sustain congruency between the two?

(Note: This is an exercise to repeat routinely over the course of my life if I am to finish well.)