



I Believe

The Apostle's Creed affirms, "I Believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord...."



"But in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds."

Hebrews 1:2

One day Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi. He asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Each answer represents the crowds' attempt to understand who Jesus was based on their prior knowledge. Having witnessed Jesus' preaching and miracles, the crowds made one conclusion: Jesus was a resurrected prophet of old, or a new prophet like them!

Jesus asked Peter a pointed question "Who do YOU say I am?" and Peter's answer revealed the true identity of Jesus Christ; "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

David Platt said, "Who you say Jesus is will determine everything about how you follow Him. If you think Jesus was a good teacher, you will follow Him like you would a good teacher. If you think Jesus merely had some good ideas, then you will listen to what He says every once in a while. If you think Jesus was a good example,

then you will try to follow His example. However, if you believe that Jesus was and is the promised Messiah who came to the earth to save us from our sins, to conquer sin and death, and to reign and rule over all as Lord, then that changes everything about how you live."

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Jesus, the Son of God, took on human form (John 1:14) becoming the man we know as Jesus Christ, at a specific moment in history. He remains the unique God-man forever. Philippians 2:5-11 describes how He humbled Himself to do this, becoming subject even to death for our salvation, as a result of which God has given Him a name above every name!

The good news of the gospel is that Jesus came to this earth as the unique Son of God, the sinless, spotless Lamb who bore your sin, my sin, the sin of the entire world on the Cross in order that we through faith would be forgiven of past, present and future sin and live eternally in heaven with God the Father and Jesus, His Son!

Hebrews 10 teaches us that Jesus Christ was the ultimate Substitute who stood in our place, as a sinner, and bore the full wrath of God for our transgressions (2 Cor. 5:21, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:22-26 and Hebrews 2:17)! As a result we are able to stand before God and be seen as righteous (Hebrews 10:10).

As we read these scriptures and think about Jesus our Lord, His sacrifice, the Great Exchange He made for you and me, the freedom His death brought to us we must ask ourselves :

1. Do I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ?
2. What do I believe about Him?
3. What allegiance do I owe Him?
4. Would other people know who Jesus is to me? Who do you say He is?
5. Does what I believe and say about Jesus reflect in my day to day living? Do others see Jesus in me when I respond and react daily and in hard situations?



Christians have always known that answering the question "Who is Jesus?" lies at the heart of the Gospel.

The writers of the Apostle's Creed didn't invent anything, they simply brought together the core teachings and practices of the early Church.