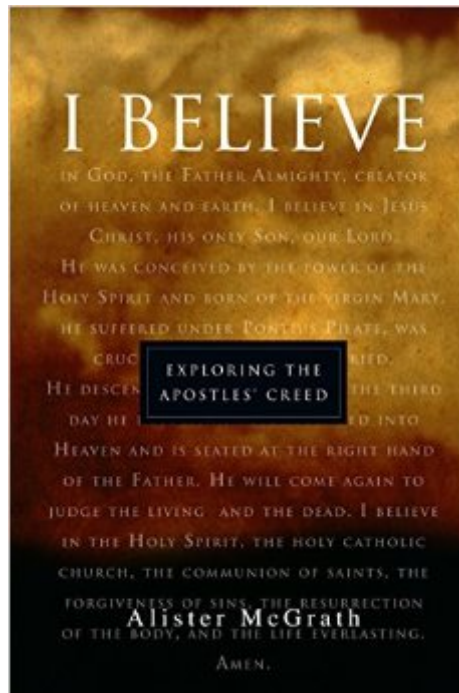


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# "I Believe": Exploring The Apostles' Creed



## Synopsis

What are the basics of Christian belief? How can you know the most important elements of the faith? When you hear people talk about doctrines that seem unfamiliar, how can you know if they are at the core of Christianity or outside the center? The basics of Christian faith have remained the same for centuries. Affirmed by the church around the world since its earliest years, these truths are summarized in documents known as creeds. Among these, the Apostles' Creed is one of the most important. In this brief book, Alister McGrath introduces you to the essential truths about God the Father, the person and work of Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Divided into six sections with reflection and discussion questions included for each core truth, "I Believe" is ideal for your personal study or for use in a small group or Sunday school class. Here is the basic book you need to understand the basics of Christianity.

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Concise, inexpensive, nicely packaged, clearly written. And by someone who is both highly competent (Oxford prof.) and actually believes the Creed is true. The study questions at the end of each chapter, and the non-technical approach make this idea for small group discussion or a c.e. class. Overall, this would be my first choice. For those who want more words and a slightly more pugnacious approach, also get Michale Horton *We Believe*. For a GREAT intro., and some other good insights, by a Catholic scholar who is less orthodox than McGrath -- Luke Timothy Johnson's new *The Creed* (2003) is a good second choice. For a variety of moderately liberal and neo-orthodox perspectives, and a mix of theological and sermonic materials, check out the new Van

Harn, ed., Exploring and Proclaiming The Apostles' Creed (2004). But get McGrath first.

This has been a good little book for my own personal study. It can clarify just what we mean when we say things like "I believe in the communion of saints." Highly recommended for someone who is curious in exploring some of the basic tenets of the Christian faith. Good for group study.

We are using this book in a Small Group study. The author's insight into both the scriptural basis for the statements in the Creed and the historical development and context for the Creed is excellent. We're learning a lot...

I consider myself a well-read Christian, but McGrath has challenged me to go beyond. I frequently recited this creed before I read this book and it was meaningful back then. However, after reading this book I've come to appreciate it so much more. McGrath covers everything from the creed's history to how it can help us today. His illustrations are superb and really help you retain the information. The book itself is a perfect length; it's not too long and not too short. Moreover, McGrath, at the end of each chapter, gives the reader study questions and further reading which can be used in a group study scenario. This is a truly powerful book.

This is an excellent concise book on the Apostles' Creed. McGrath is unusual in that he is a committed believer. Today too many authors are afraid of acknowledging that they are believers. This is an excellent book to be used for group discussions and groups. There are distinct titles with study material and discussion points. The text is rich in both OT and NT sources. I am intending to use it for an adult bible study group. It would make for a good Advent or Lent series of group discussions. I look forward to reading more books by this author.

McGrath does an excellent job going over the history and the meaning of the historic Apostles' Creed. He takes each phrase and gives historical and theological explanation as to its significance. It is a short read and each chapter has good discussion questions following it for a meaningful group use.

Very well written, in-depth study of the Apostle's Creed. We're using it as a group study. The book has divided the Creed into six main sections, designed for each one to be an evening's study. Each section looks at the biblical foundations (references are found throughout), deals with some

common questions, and explains ideas that may be often confusing. Then it works with the relevance of each section to daily life. Some proposed study questions are listed near the end of each chapter, followed by suggestions for further reading. To use this as a group study, it would help to do some homework, at least to read through the section before the study. The text is a little long to just read through as a group. It isn't a "fill in the blanks" study. Rather, it's a thorough discussion with a few guiding questions at the end.

This study is scripture rich, and easy to follow. It makes good points and helps to support some difficult to understand portions of the creed.

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