

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2026**  
**PURSUIT OF THE CREED**  
**“GOD DOESN’T MAKE JUNK!”**  
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The word “*Credo*” is Latin for the word “*I believe.*”

**First Article of the Creed**

“I believe in God the Father, Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.”

**1. Human beings are \_\_\_\_\_ created in God’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.* Genesis 1:27

*“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.”* Mark 10:6-8

**2. Each one of us is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_! Aka “God doesn’t make junk!”**

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.* Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

**3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_ nature.**

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.* John 1:14

*“He is the image of the invisible God.”* Colossians 1:15 (ESV)

*Jesus answered...“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.”* John 14:9b

**4. The problem is though we are made in God’s image, we are \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot fully \_\_\_\_\_ God’s true nature.**

*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

Romans 3:23

*“There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”*

Romans 3:10-12

The analogy of the “cracked mirror!”

**5. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ our relationship with God, and has given us a \_\_\_\_\_ life!**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

**What Does This Mean?**

*“We are not just improved, but re-created by the Holy Spirit, receiving a new nature, purpose, and relationship with God. The old life of sin is replaced by a new life focused on righteousness.”*

Life Application Study Bible

**We’re not there yet! What happens next? What on earth am I here for?**

*For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

Romans 8:29

*Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*

1 John 3:2 (ESV)

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image, from one degree of glory to another.*

*For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians

3:18

**Question for Reflection This Week**

What are the next steps you can take to more reflect the work God is doing in You to make your more like Jesus!