

# THIS I BELIEVE

## GOD, THE FATHER

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I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
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He descended into hell, On the third day he rose again from the dead:  
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Almighty, From there he will come to judge the living and the dead,  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Church, The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And life everlasting, Amen.  
—The Apostle's Creed*

### WHO IS GOD?

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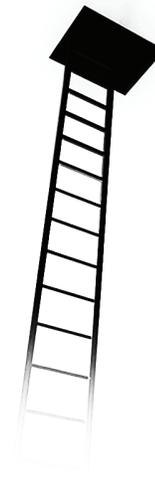
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The "Good News" is that \_\_\_\_\_  
and you can \_\_\_\_\_

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16, NKJV)

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For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:21)



But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. (Galatians 4:4-7)

- I have not lived up to the perfect standards of a holy God.
- My sin must be atoned for to satisfy God's justice.
- I am ready to abandon the self-atonement plan.
- I humbly ask that Christ's atoning work be applied to me.



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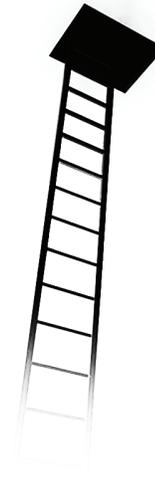
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