

CORINTHIANS

kingdom AND A meaningful life

3-WEEK READING PLAN – PART 3

HOW TO READ THE APOSTLE'S CREED

1. Read it once, slowly. Let the whole shape of it wash over you.
2. Read it a second time. Notice what catches you — a word or phrase that snags your attention, comforts you, or unsettles you.
3. Stay there. Dive deeper: why did it catch me today? What is it saying about who God is? Do I actually believe this?
4. Close in a simple prayer of thanksgiving.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Week 9 <i>Food Offered to Idols</i> Day 1: 8:1-6 Day 2: 8:7-13 Day 3: 10:23-30 Day 4: 10:31 - 11:1 Day 5: Review & reflect on 1 Cor. 10:24	Week 10 <i>Warning About Idolatry</i> Day 1: 10:1-5 Day 2: 10:6-13 Day 3: 10:14-17 Day 4: 10:18-22 Day 5: Review & reflect on 1 Cor. 10:13	Week 11 <i>From the Altar to the Table</i> Day 1: 11:17-22 Day 2: 11:23-26 Day 3: 11:27-34 Day 4: Luke 22:14-20 Day 5: Review & reflect on 1 Cor. 11:26
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WEEKLY REFLECTION - 3 WEEKS

Reflect on these questions, use them as journaling prompts, or talk these through with a friend or family. Reflect is for you and God. Discuss goes deeper with others. Practice puts it into your week.

Week 9 — Food Offered to Idols (8:1-13; 10:23-33)

"Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." (10:24)

Reflect: Where are you chasing what makes you happy at the expense of what builds someone else up?

Discuss: Corinth asked, "Is this allowed?" Paul asked, "Does this build up?" (8:1; 10:23). How would your choices change if love, not freedom, were the final question?

Practice: Name one right or preference you will lay down this week for someone else's good.

Week 10 — Warning About Idolatry (10:1-22)

"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons." (10:21)

Reflect: What good thing have you asked to give you what only God can give, and what has it demanded from you in return?

Discuss: Israel had every spiritual privilege and still drifted toward idols (10:1-7). Why do blessing and comfort so often make us vulnerable to idolatry rather than protect us from it?

Practice: "God is faithful" (10:13). Identify the way of escape God has provided from one temptation, and take it this week.

Week 11 — From the Altar to the Table (11:17-34)

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (11:26)

Reflect: At a pagan altar you came to get something. At the Lord's Table you receive what God has already given. Which posture do you bring to worship?

Discuss: Paul says the Corinthians were not really eating the Lord's Supper because some went hungry while others had plenty (11:20-21). What does the way we treat one another reveal about what we believe about the cross?

Practice: Before you next take communion, examine yourself (11:28) and make room for someone who is easy to overlook.



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