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Isaiah 64:1

**Oh that you would rend the heavens
and come down,
that the mountains might quake
at your presence—**



Isaiah 64:2

**as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your
adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble
at your presence!**



Isaiah 64:3

**When you did awesome things
that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked
at your presence.**



Isaiah 64:4

**From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God
besides you who acts for those
who wait for him.**



Isaiah 64:5

**You meet him who joyfully works
righteousness, those who
remember you in your ways. Behold,
you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time,
and shall we be saved?**



Isaiah 64:6

**We have all become like
one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds
are like a polluted garment.**

**We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind,
take us away.**



Isaiah 64:7

**There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself
to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt
in the hand of our iniquities.**



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Creation – God Made Me

I praise you,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.”

Psalm 139:14



The First Article - Creation

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

What does this mean?



The First Article - Creation

I believe that God has made me
and all creatures;
that He has given me my body and soul,
eyes, ears, and all my members,
my reason and all my senses,
and still takes care of them.



The First Article - Creation

He also gives me clothing and shoes,
food and drink, house and home,
wife and children,
land, animals, and all I have.
He richly and daily provides me
with all that I need
to support this body and life.



The First Article - Creation

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.



The First Article - Creation

For all this it is my duty
to thank and praise,
serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.



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In the Beginning...

In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1



In the Beginning...

Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Genesis 2:7



In the Beginning...

**In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

John 1:1



In the Beginning...

**He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him,
and without him was not any thing made
that was made.**

John 1:2-3



In the Beginning...

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



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The Second Article - Redemption

**[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.**



The Second Article - Redemption

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God,
the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to
judge the living and the dead.



The Second Article - Redemption

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man,
born of the Virgin Mary,
is my Lord,



The Second Article - Redemption

who has redeemed me,
a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins,
from death,
and from the power of the devil;



The Second Article - Redemption

not with gold or silver,
but with His holy,
precious blood
and with His innocent
suffering and death,



The Second Article - Redemption

that I may be His own
and live under Him in His kingdom
and serve Him
in everlasting righteousness,
innocence, and blessedness,



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just as He is risen from the dead,
lives and reigns to all eternity.

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2 Corinthians 4:7

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with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.**



2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said,
“Let light shine out of darkness,”
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.



The Third Article - Sanctification

**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.**



The Third Article - Sanctification

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason
or strength believe in Jesus Christ,
my Lord, or come to Him;



The Third Article - Sanctification

but the Holy Spirit
has called me by the Gospel,
enlightened me with His gifts,
sanctified
and kept me in the true faith.



The Third Article - Sanctification

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.



The Third Article - Sanctification

**In this Christian church
He daily and richly
forgives all my sins
and the sins of all believers.**



The Third Article - Sanctification

On the Last Day He will raise me
and all the dead,
and give eternal life to me and all believers
in Christ.

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**We are afflicted in every way,
but not crushed;
perplexed, but not driven to despair;**



2 Corinthians 4:9

**persecuted, but not forsaken;
struck down, but not destroyed;**



2 Corinthians 4:10

**always carrying in the body
the death of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus
may also be manifested
in our bodies.**



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2 Corinthians 4:16

So we do not lose heart.

**Though our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.**



2 Corinthians 4:17

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,



2 Corinthians 4:18

as we look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen.

For the things that are seen
are transient,
but the things that are unseen
are eternal.



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