

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

Explanation of
Luther's Small Catechism

Talking about

The First Article of the Creed

Creation

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given to me and still sustains my body and soul, my senses and all my members, my reason and all the powers of my soul. I believe that He gives me food and clothing, home and family, and all material blessings; that He daily provides abundantly for all the needs of my life, protects me from all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil. I believe that He does this because of His fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this I should thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

132 What do you mean when you say, "I believe in God, the Father"?

When I say, "I believe in God the Father," I mean that I am assured in my heart that God, who is the Father of Jesus Christ, is also my true Father, who has created me and whom I can trust in every way.

Ephesians 3:14-15 "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named..."



133 Why do you call God, the "Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

We call God the "Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth" because God is all-powerful, and by His Word He made heaven and earth and all that exists.

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

Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

134 What does it mean to create?

To create means to make something out of nothing.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

