

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
SERMON NOTES  
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**"I BELIEVE: My Creed/My Life"  
James 2:14-17**

*"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."*

This morning we are beginning a six-week series on the Apostles' Creed, entitled, "I Believe". Even though we are a "noncreedal" church – that is, we do not recite a creed as a part of our regular worship – creeds are never-the-less very important, because...

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If \_\_\_\_\_, that person has a "creed". The word "creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which translates as \_\_\_\_\_

A. There are actually three great "Ecumenical Creeds" in Christianity: The Apostles' Creed, The Athanasian Creed, and, The Nicene Creed. Pastor Jerry and I have chosen the Apostles' Creed because of its:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

B. The Apostles' Creed is vitally important to us because it is a clear, concise affirmation of the basics of our Christian Faith! It unites us both, around the world and across the centuries with other Christians.

The purpose of the creeds in general, and the Apostles' Creed in particular, is three-fold, they...

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Afterall, the word, "belief" come from the Old English...

C. This kind of active belief/faith means...

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

So, throughout this series our focus will be tied to our Christian life. What we discuss should impact how we live:

**"Let's commit ourselves to daily gain a deeper appreciation for what we believe and then a growing passion to put that faith into practice as we represent our Lord, Jesus Christ and His Kingdom!"**

We want to acknowledge our debt to one of many great references: I BELIEVE, by Alister McGrath. InterVarsity Press: Downers Grove, IL, 1997