

## **A Reformed Christian Creed**

We believe in one God, the Supreme Spiritual Being, the source of all being, holy in all of His perfections, eternal in glory and power, most loving and just, most wise in all His counsels, knowing all things perfectly, present everywhere, unlimited in His ability to do whatsoever He pleases, perfectly accomplishing all His holy will, from which was born His eternal decree to create, out of nothing, in six days, the universe of time and space with all of its material and spiritual properties. We further believe that He upholds all things by the word of His power.

We believe God eternally exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and that, before creation, this Triunity enjoyed perfect felicity and loving communion among the Persons of His Being, having no need for the creation, nor the fellowship of angels or men.

We believe, as an expression of Trinitarian love, God the Father decreed, from before the foundation of the world, to create mankind and ordain its fall into sin through Adam, and to choose, for His own good pleasure, to create and covenant with a new humanity, who are vessels of His mercy and known as the Church, to be redeemed and reconciled to Himself through the perfect obedience of a Second Adam. Further, we believe it pleased the Father to foreordain the wicked, the objects of His wrath, to receive His righteous judgment, to the praise of the glory of His justice.

We believe, as an expression of Trinitarian love, God the Son, Who thought it not robbery to be equal with God, in the fullness of time, emptied Himself in becoming the Second Adam, His sinless human nature having been conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born to a humble virgin maidservant. The Divine and human natures thus perfectly and forever united in the Person of Jesus Christ, we believe He honored His Father's holy will through perfect obedience, took sin to Himself by imputation, satisfied Divine Justice by laying down His life for the elect, was bodily raised from the dead on the third day for their justification, ascended into heaven where He reigns supreme, and will return again to consummate the covenant of redemption, and usher in the eternal age of glory, the church from all ages thus living and reigning with Him forever. We further believe that, as Savior and Lord, He preserves and keeps His church for that day, having become her great Prophet, Priest and King.

And we believe, as an expression of Trinitarian love, God the Holy Spirit reveals the Father and the Son to the elect; by recording perfectly, for all posterity, the purpose and means of redemption in the Holy Scriptures, which are the church's only infallible rule of faith and practice, and by making the same available to be apprehended through the grace of regeneration and faith, whereupon those whom the Father has given to the Son, and for whom the Son has accomplish such a great salvation, have the work of Christ applied to them, are released from bondage to sin and death, receive the imputed righteousness of Christ, and through His church, are given all other graces necessary to secure them eternally to the Father.

These truths we believe and proclaim through word and deed, to one and all without distinction, as a testament of the perfect love and justice of the God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.