

Bearers of Christ

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The Bearers of Christ Creed

I believe in the One True Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I will strive to be a light for the Lord and let the light of the Lord shine through me to reflect the Glory of the Lord.

I accept the Greatest Commandments of the Lord and will love the Lord with all my heart and mind and soul; and I will try and love others as much as I love myself.

I believe that Christ is the Resurrection and the Life and to believe in Christ though we were dead, we will live; and whoever lives and believes in Christ shall never die.

I believe in the divine trinity of God, the Father; the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; and the Holy Ghost.

I will work to understand the scriptures; challenge any false doctrine; and endeavour to find the truth.

I will be dedicated to bear Christ within my heart always.

The Christ

1. The Birth

Christ, Jesus, was born to the Virgin Mary, and was to enter this world as the Son of God.

2. Teaching, Preaching and Healing

Jesus lived among the people teaching, preaching and healing. He rebuked the hypocrisies, guided the lost and spoke of the Kingdom of God.

3. The Death, Crucifixion, and Resurrection

Jesus is crucified and dies on the cross. Through his death (sacrifice) and resurrection, the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

4. The Trinity

The Holy Spirit completes the trilogy, which establishes a special relationship with God - The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Ghost).

5. The Salvation

Salvation is offered to all that have faith in Christ.

6. The Second Coming

In the final days the Christ was said to return to combat Satan and defeat evil, complete the salvation, and reunite God and his people.

7. The Conclusion

Time passes with the events that were revealed not taking place. Instead of the drama of a battle against the forces of evil, has an alternative conclusion been reached?

The Trinity

The justification of the Jesus being the Son of God, ultimately requires the statement that Jesus must be God in the form of man, since God is one. A trilogy is completed by the inclusion of the Holy Spirit, which establishes a special relationship with God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Ghost), being one and the same.



The Trinity in the Testament:

Jesus is Baptised by John (Lkplus 18, Matt 3.13-17)

So Jesus was baptised. And as soon as he came out of the water, the sky opened, and he saw the SPIRIT of God coming down on him like a dove. Then a VOICE from heaven said, "This is my own dear SON, and I am pleased with him".

Jesus meets his eleven disciples on a mountain in Galilee and tells them to Baptise the people of all nations (Lkplus 204, Matthew 28.16-20)

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. They saw him and worshipped him, but some of them doubted.

Jesus came to them and said:

I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

The three parts of the trinity work together in different ways:

1. God, the Father, is the Creator, the cosmic energy behind the Universe.
2. The Son is God, incarnated in Jesus Christ, working to redeem the world, and give new life.
3. The Holy Spirit is the presence of God living within the world, which sanctifies and makes Holy. It is a gift...

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the ultimate gift promised by Jesus. Once received, the direct relationship with the Holy Spirit offers counselling and guidance.

Through the Holy Spirit you may ask of the Lord and you will receive.

The Holy Spirit and the Bible

Without the Holy Spirit the Bible is just a collection of old texts written by some dead people!

However, within the Bible is contained the Truth ... The Truth of God; The Truth of Jesus; And the Truth of the Holy Spirit.

What is amazing is that, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that the truth of Jesus Christ is revealed within the inconsistent, often inaccurate and contradictory writings of the Bible.

Prayer and Asking of the Lord

You may ask of the Lord and you will receive.

Ask seek knock. Lkplus 40.12 [Matt 7.7-12]

Ask, and you will receive. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive. Everyone who seeks will find. And the door will be opened for everyone who knocks.

However, the Lord knows what you need before you ask...

Teaching about prayer. Lkplus 40.8 [Matt 6.5-15]

When you pray, do not talk on and on as people do who do not know God. They think God likes to hear long prayers. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask.

The truth is that you must trust the Lord and not ask for that which you might think you need and get disappointed when you do not receive what you have asked for. Then not understanding why you did not receive what you asked, become resentful and angry with the Lord. Do not worry the Lord knows what is required and there are often reasons that you cannot begin to understand...

Worry. Lkplus 40.11 [Matt 6.25-34]

I tell you not to worry about your life. Do not worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Is life not more than food or clothing? Look at the birds in the sky! They do not plant or harvest. They do not even store grain in barns. Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Are you not worth more than birds?

Can worry make you live longer? Why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow. They do not work hard to make their clothes. But I tell you that Solomon with all his wealth was not as well clothed as one of them. God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields, even though it is here today and thrown into a fire tomorrow. He will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith?

Do not worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who do not know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else, do what God requires of you first. Then the other things will be yours as well.

Do not worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today.

Forgiveness, Acceptance, Judgement and the Ways of Christ

Do not hold within you the anger towards those that have done you wrong ...

Blessings. Lkplus 40.1 [Matt 5.3-12]

From the list of beatitudes.

Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Christ does not teach you to make judgements...

Judging others. Lkplus 63.2 [Matt 7.1-6]

Do not condemn others, and God will not condemn you. God will be as hard on you as you are on others!

He will treat you exactly as you treat them.

And watch out for false prophets...

A tree and its fruit. Lkplus 63.3 [Matt 7.15-20]

Watch out for false prophets! They dress up like sheep, but inside they are wolves who have come to attack you. You can tell what they are by what they do. No one picks grapes or figs from thorn bushes. A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. Every tree that produces bad fruit will be chopped down and burned. You can tell who the false prophets are by their deeds.

They will teach the doctrine of hatred and claim that others are demon possessed and evil. Making you fear these spirits and drawing you into their world of mythical demonic possessions. Not helping but making the anger and hatred within you alive and able to manifest itself. Their ways make you feel as though it is right and justified to have feelings that your persecutors are the ones to blame and that you are justified in having these thoughts towards them, making it harder to accept the true meaning of Christ's message.

Love for your enemies. Lkplus 63.1 [Luke 6.27-36]

This is what I say to all who will listen to me:

Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who

is cruel to you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, do not stop that person from slapping you on the other cheek. If someone wants to take your coat, do not try to keep back your shirt. Give to everyone who asks and do not ask people to return what they have taken from you.

Treat others just as you want to be treated.

If you love only someone who loves you, will God praise you for that? Even sinners love people who love them. If you are kind only to someone who is kind to you, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners are kind to people who are kind to them. If you lend money only to someone you think will pay you back, will God be pleased with you for that? Even sinners lend to sinners because they think they will get it all back.

But love your enemies and be good to them. Lend without expecting to be paid back. Then you will get a great reward, and you will be the true children of God in heaven. He is good even to people who are unthankful and cruel. Have pity on others, just as your Father has pity on you.

And this love and acceptance is offered for all regardless of shape, size, colour or background. To the last, Jesus asked of his disciples to baptise the people of ALL nations.

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Understand the message of forgiveness, acceptance of all, and a message of non-judgement. Not the twisted faith of acceptance by condition, or only being with others that believe and think alike and rejecting those by becoming the judge of their faith and understanding.

So forget the rejection, everyone is equal in God's eyes.

Remember that the true light of those that bear Christ within their hearts will shine through the darkness, for the darkness has no power when the faith is strong. Do not accept the teachings to fear the darkness for Christ will be with you always until the end of time.

Genesis

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with *God*, and the Word was *God*. He was in the beginning with *God*. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

[John 1:1-5]

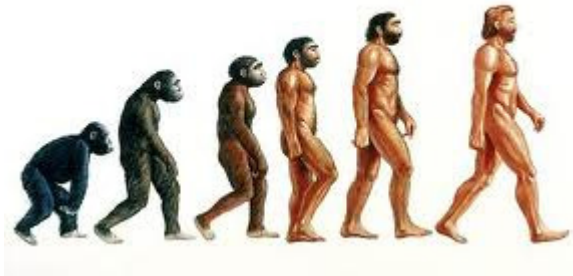
And so it was that the Lord commanded that the Universe be created, and just as in an instance of a "Big Bang" the fabric of Time and Space came into existence about 14 Billion years ago. From the very first particles and atoms to the stars and the planets that exist in the spinning *Galaxies* of the Universe.



Within all this, *God* defined all the processes, from the Laws of Physics to the ultimate path of the creation of life.

... Life that came to into existence on this Planet Earth which began a process of Evolution from single entity, simple life forms, to all creatures of the land, sea, and air. An evolutionary

process that spans 3.8 Billion years, that was planned and designed by God thus produced an image in his likeness ... Man.



The Bible Creation stories in *Genesis* are used to teach certain concepts.

- In the beginning there was nothing and thus God created everything from nothing.
- All of creation was planned and designed by God. This includes all the Laws of Physics and Nature, which as part of the plan allow all that follows.
- The idea of temptation and sin is introduced as a separation of creation and God.

Evil

(The Devil Made Me Do It!)

The Devil (or Satan) is mentioned in Old Testament Stories as the Angel of the Lord, who under the command of the Lord tempts or tests.



The story of *Genesis* describes how the serpent tempted Eve, who then tempted Adam, to eat the forbidden fruit. And then when Adam is questioned his response is basically that "she made me do it" or ultimately it was the serpent; Hence not taking responsibility for the action.

In the story of Job, Satan is directed by God to try and undermine Job's faith. In this case, Job overcomes.

Although Satan's power to deceive is legendary, he was defeated at Calvary. When Jesus came he "destroyed the works of the Devil (Satan)."

However, the Evil that men do is still too often blamed on the Devil. Any devastation and disasters are also all too often

accredited to The Devil. And if temptation cannot be resisted then it is The Devil that gets the blame.

Thanks to the Crucifixion the Devil can no longer "make me do it." We have to take responsibility for our actions and cannot pass on the blame.

Return to the Garden of Eden

Genesis 3.22-23:

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.



Being born again and entering the gates to return to the Garden of Eden...

Jesus tells Nicodemus about being born from above. LkPlus 154 [John 3.1-21]

I tell you for certain that before you can get into God's kingdom, you must be born not only by water, but by the Spirit.

Humans give life to their children. Yet only God's Spirit can change you into a child of God. Do not be surprised when I say that you must be born from above. Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going.

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned. But everyone who does not have faith in him has already been condemned for not having faith in God's only Son.

The light has come into the world, and people come to the light, because it clearly shows what they have done. But everyone who lives by the truth will come to the light, because they want others to know that God is really the one doing what they do.

The gates to the Garden of Eden are open. Yet not many can see that all that is required is to accept Christ and walk right through to the other side. Be born again of the spirit and enter on to the path that is clear for all to see.

Confess and accept Jesus ...

Jesus talks about confessing and rejecting him. Lkplus 102 [Luke 12.8-12]

If you confess that you belong to me, the Son of Man will tell God's angels that you are my followers.

For he is the resurrection and the life ...

Jesus states that he is the resurrection and the life. Lkplus 136
[John 11.17-27]

Jesus then said to her, " I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Yet this is missed so easily, not understanding the true nature of the crucifixion. For then Jesus forgives...

Jesus is led away and crucified. Lkplus 196 [Luke 23.26-43]

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them! They do not know what they are doing."



All are welcome. Through the crucifixion there is a reconciliation and the return to the Garden of Eden.