



Commit your activities to the Lord, and your plans will be achieved.

The Lord has prepared everything for His purpose—even the wicked for the day of disaster.

Proverbs 16:3-4

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. Evening 6 P.M.	2	3	4 	5	6	7
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In this article I want to touch on unity. Unity is what makes life work in our world we live in and all that it has. It rains then fog lifts off the warm earth and carries the water back to the clouds.

“Working in Unity.” Two trees, one on a hill and the other on another and the bees and wind will help to pollinate the trees to bear fruit. “Working in Unity.” In our homes, as a family, we need to work together to make it work “in Unity.” The church is no different. We all have a part to make it work. But we need to realize it takes unity (all working together). The word of God in Cor. 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand I have no need of thee, nor again the head to feet I have no need of you. We all need each other in unity to do God's will. Here is why I Cor. 12:18 But now hath God set the members everyone of them in the body as it pleased Him.

Sometimes people try to sway programs to suit themselves and not what God wants. This is called manipulation and is of the devil and not the body of Christ. Think of this: Lets say your walking up a hill and all at once one foot say's, “I'm not into this. Why are you walking up this hill and besides I'm tired so I'm going a different way.” We know that God created our body to work in unity up hill or down. They will work together in unity. As a church family, just because it's not your thing that doesn't mean it's not God's thing. We just need to go on together and make it work in unity. My foot or my hand cannot go off by themselves and do the will of God. When we stand before God it will not be whether we did our thing or not, but that we worked together to do God's thing. In Sunday School, Children Church, Nursery, or special events at our church, let us all work in love, in one accord and God will bless us and our church.

Pastor Denny

What Is Essential to Your Faith?

It's easy for our culture of individuality and innovation to shape the way we think about the church. So what should we believe? Should Christians try to be more accepting of a postmodern worldview? With so many questions, opinions, and interpretations among people today, even within the church, what should we all agree on as essential to Christian faith? Finding its genesis in apostles' teachings, the Apostles' Creed contains essential Christian doctrines and beliefs that summarize the gospel and make up the foundation of our faith. The scriptural truths contained in the creed help us operate from good theology, with the knowledge that our faith is rooted in truth and a rich history that spans past, present, and future. The lines of the creed aren't mere words. They convey the essence of what we confess and believe as the body of Christ.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, And 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, dead, and buried. He descended to hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended to heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father Almighty, From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The creed helps us develop better symmetry as Christians, giving us a more robust understanding of biblical teaching. As Christians, it's easy to stick with what we already know. Either we don't grow and remain immature with a minimal, two-dimensional faith, or even if we're growing, we become out of balance instead of developing a holistic, well-rounded faith. It also helps us with clarity, making clear who God is. While symmetry applies to our overall knowledge of core biblical doctrines, clarity is a more specific focus on what we believe about God and the world. By and large, American evangelicals seem to be terribly confused about who God is, what He's up to, what He's like, and what He's about. Surveys reveal shocking misconceptions, many of which are similar to the heresies that the Apostles' Creed was intended to refute. The Christian life isn't about our preferences or opinions or the latest cultural trends; it's about God. What you believe about God is the most important thing in your life; it shapes all your attitudes and actions.

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The Apostles' Creed informs our community, whom we belong to, and whom we're with. As Christians who the doctrines summarizes in the Apostles' Creed, we're part of a people who have been around or thousands of years. We're part of a people who go back to the beginning of humankind, when God called first people Himself.

Throughout history God's people, those He has chosen and called to Himself, have thrived and worshiped the one true God. We're part of that tradition. We're a global people. People all over the earth will gather this weekend because they share the beliefs expressed in the creed. They'll rejoice in it. They'll be shaped by it, and massive numbers of them will recite the creed together. We've been woven into something much bigger than us. The fabric created by God makes us stronger than any of us can ever be on our own. It's diverse. It's beautiful, and it's global.

Lastly, the creed informs the way we counsel ourselves and others. Counsel is essentially the point of application. How do symmetry, clarity, and community lead to a change in your perspective? How do you think and act differently? What do you tell yourself or others as a result of believing the doctrines in the creed? When you grow in your understanding of the person of God, the work of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, you'll think differently. The result should be an ever deepening maturity and a closer walk of obedience with our Lord Jesus Christ.

One Day at a Time

I'm glad life is given us bit by bit, In minutes and days and years; For if we were faced with the whole of it, How filled it would be with fears; With all of its laughter and all of its pain, It's sorrow and joy and care— Why, even its beauty all at one time would be more than we could bear. But God drops a bit of happiness here, and lowers a shadow there, And each of us has his portion of both, The bitter and the fair. And, whether the way be rough or fine, It's comforting thing to know, We've only one step to take at a time. Just one little day to go.

*I Still Believe in
Amazing Grace
that there is
Power in the Blood
that He Walks With Me
and Talks With Me
That Because He Lives I
can face tomorrow
all because of
The Old Rugged Cross*

Faith Step: Write a brief description of where you'd like to be in your physical emotional, or spiritual state. Specifically, write out which Wrong thought patterns might hinder change. What biblical truths can you begin implementing today?

If you have not received that gift of eternal life with Him, then pray this short prayer to the One who gave us victory over death through Jesus Christ.

I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins. I am willing to turn from my sins. I now

invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior. I will confess you before men, study your Word and live according to your will as you guide me. Thank you for sending Jesus so that I might have eternal life.

Your word says in Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt

believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man

believeth unto righteousness. And with the mouth Confession is made unto salvation. Amen

Prayer Request

Place request in prayer basket at the altar, or mail them and we will place them in the prayer basket for you.

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