The Apostles' Creed

(Traditional Version)
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I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker 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 into hell.
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Questions:

1) Throughout the second chapter of Colossians Paul continuously talks about staying away from deceptive teachings. What deceptive teachings are present in this time?
2) "Asceticism" is the act of self-denial for religious reasons. Throughout scripture, including here, Paul preaches both for it and against it. What are some things that are good to deny, and what are some things that are not helpful to deny?
3) Applying the message in Colossians to us today, what are some dangerous teachings that we hear on a regular basis from the world?
How do we know if a teaching is truthful or not?

Memory Verse: Colossians 2:8 "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."

Weekly Challenge: Throughout the month of July we will read through the entire book of Colossians. Try to read through all four chapters of this book each week, so as to get a better understanding of the scripture overall.

Sermon Notes: