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.) We are introduced to our Creator in Genesis chapter one when the author describes how God created the world. Some have speculated that each of the seven days means a literal day, while others have said that "a thousand years is like a day to God" and so argue that God made the world over time. Does it matter to you the specific time that God used to create the world… or is His creation of everything enough?

2.) The book of Revelation is thought to be the last book,detailing the coming back of Christ. It is in this book (a couple of times actually) that we hear about the Lord being referred to as "the Alpha and the Omega." What does this phrase mean?

3.) At the end of our reading in Revelation we read about what will happen to those who do not call on the name of Jesus, namely that they will end up in Hell. In our day and age many like to argue that Hell does not exist, or that it is only for people like Stalin and Hitler, but here in Revelation we see that it will be filled with many other types of people. This is why our faith in Christ is so important, because Jesus took that punishment from us if we receive His free gift of salvation. Have you accepted this free gift?

Memory Verse: Revelation 21:6 "Then He said to me, 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of water of life without cost.'"

Sermon Notes: