

## LESSON 15: CONFESSING OUR TRIUNE GOD

### *A confession of faith*

And if you believe everything in the Bible, \_\_\_\_\_  
will be \_\_\_\_\_

To confess your faith is \_\_\_\_\_

### *Confessions of faith*

The following texts contain a confession of faith. Look them up and write out who made the confession and what the confession was.

Matthew 16:16. Who? \_\_\_\_\_ What did he say? \_\_\_\_\_

John 20:28. Who? \_\_\_\_\_ What did he say? \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 8:37. Who? \_\_\_\_\_ What did he say? \_\_\_\_\_

When we have checked the above answers together, and seen Romans 10:9 on the screen, look at these confessions and figure out what is the same in all of them. Now write your own brief confession:

*I believe* \_\_\_\_\_

### *An acrostic confession*

In Greek, the word for fish is the five letter word: ichthus (I-Ch-Th-U-S).

This is a brief confession

I - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Ch - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Th - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

U - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

S - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



### *Rome and the Apostles' Creed*

The Confession of Rome, 150 AD is on the screen. Below is the Apostles' Creed. Underline the parts of the Apostles' Creed that are also in the Confession of Rome. The first bit has been done for you.

I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, God's only-begotten 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.

On the third day He arose from the dead,

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty,

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

I believe a holy, catholic, Christian church, the communion of saints

The forgiveness of sins

The resurrection of the body

And the life everlasting.

### ***The confession grows***

Initially \_\_\_\_\_

Over time \_\_\_\_\_

Eventually \_\_\_\_\_

For this Creed taught \_\_\_\_\_

Note: the Apostles' Creed was NOT written by the 12 apostles.

### ***Three gods or one?***

Together with the Israelites of old \_\_\_\_\_

However, \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_

We \_\_\_\_\_ . But we \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_ He is \_\_\_\_\_ !

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

The Apostles' Creed consists of \_\_\_\_\_

The Heidelberg Catechism deals with the individual articles of the Apostles' Creed in LD 9-22.

Look up LD 8 in the Catechism. Here you will find a question and answer on the Persons of the Trinity and their main activity. Fill in the table. Also note which Lord's Days of the Heidelberg Catechism go with which person.

	Person	Work	Lord's Days
1	God the Father	Our	
2	God the Son	Our	
3	God the Spirit	Our	