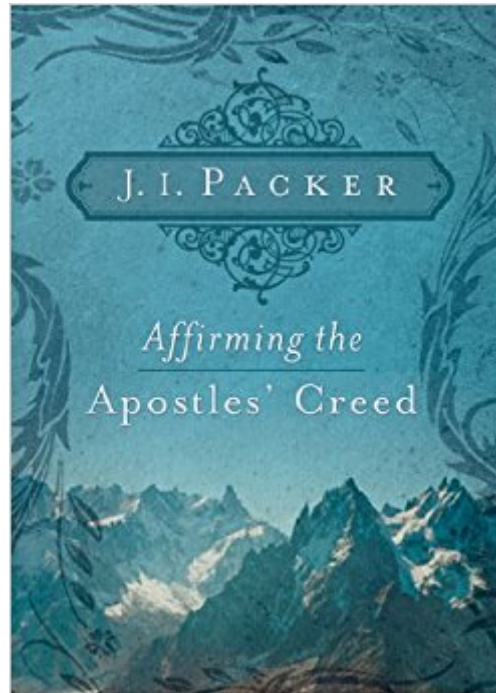




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Affirming The Apostles' Creed



Synopsis

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest, most beautiful succinct summary of Christian beliefs. Though often recited in unison during worship services, the creed begins with the phrase "I believe," making it a deeply personal profession of faith. But when was the last time you examined it closely? In *Affirming the Apostles' Creed*, an excerpt from *Growing in Christ*, noted Bible scholar and author J. I. Packer explains the meaning and implications of each phrase of this great creed. Each concise chapter serves as an invitation to dive further into the creed-and as a result, into the essentials of the Christian faith-by concluding with discussion questions and Bible passages for further study.

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Customer Reviews

J. I. Packer (DPhil, Oxford University) serves as the Board of Governors' Professor of Theology at Regent College. He is the author of numerous books, including the classic best-seller *Knowing God*. Packer served as general editor for the English Standard Version Bible and as theological editor for the ESV Study Bible.

I read this book to my wife almost every morning before she went to work. We really liked it. J.I. Packer walks us through the Apostles' Creed phrase by phrase. He says that the Creed was originally written in Latin, and that "I believe in God the Father" translates a phrase that literally means "I am believing INTO God." It conveys the idea of total dependence. In the chapter about the only begotten Son, Packer says that the phrase literally means "one of a kind Son." The expression

"He descended into hell" means that Christ went down into the netherworld after He died on the cross and proclaimed victory over the powers of darkness to the disobedient angels in prison - see 1 Peter 3:19-22. Believing in the Holy Spirit means trusting in Him as our advocate, counselor, guide, and helper. and as the One who highlights and glorifies Jesus. The communion of saints refers to the fellowship we can have with believers in this life and in the common bond we have with the saints of all times. This is a great little book! The sentences are little long and cumbersome at times. Perhaps a good editor could have tightened up the screws. But this is a minor thing because we really enjoyed this book.

Seems like a well written book, which poses more questions as one reads. Bought for a supplement to Matt Chandler's study on Apostles Creed, trying to gain different perspectives on the topic.

Study tool for Christian Beliefs class. Biblical references and application to real life. Packer is excellent scholar and commentator; moreover a great Christian writer.

Packer gets rid of all other verbiage of postmodernism surrounding the core of Christianity and gets straight to the point. Brief and concise. Read this book first!!

A nice discussion that briefly explores the clauses of the Creed and connects them to scriptural passages and Protestant theology

Excellent reading and study. We enjoyed the study as it was presented. The study questions encourage personal thought and commitment as well as directing reader to multiple Scripture verses.

Just was very enlightening about our faith

Great little book to help us understand what we are confessing we say "I believe....."

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